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Methodist Episcopal Church

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 ✓ 83—*Morris, C. C. ----- Jasper, Tenn.
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96—*Petty, J. S.	Morristown, Tenn.	✓
97—†Peters, A. C.	Burrville, Tenn.	✓
98—*Pile, D. G.	Bristol, Va.	✓
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100—†Pippin, I. N. (a)	Morristown, Tenn.	✓
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102—*Reynolds, F. M.	Wallace, Va.	✓
103—†Robertson, R. C. (a)	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.	✓
104—*Roberson, J. D.	Harriman, Tenn.	✓
105—*Robinette, J. J.	Johnson City, Tenn.	✓
106—*Rose, A. M.	Chuckey, Tenn.	✓
107—*Rowan, Geo. R.	Tellico Plains, Tenn.	✓
108—*Ross, F. E.	Knoxville, Tenn.	✓
109—*Rowe, T. D.	Roane Mountain, Tenn.	✓
110—*Ruble, J. A.	Johnson City, Tenn.	✓
111—†Rule, M. A. (a)	Dover, Tenn.	✓
112—†Russell, T. B.	Johnson City, Tenn.	✓
113—*Rumburg, J. K. (a)	Glenford, Va.	✓
114—*Sanders, John	Maryville, Tenn.	✓
115—*Sage, Jasper	Wytheville, Va.	✓
116—*Scott, J. L.	Newcomb, Tenn.	✓
117—†Scott, R. A. (a)	Wytheville, Va.	✓
118—*Simonds, R. A. (a)	Chattanooga, Tenn.	✓
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125—†Thompson, G. H. (a)	Simpson, Va.	✓
126—*Tuttle, S. D.	Highland Park, Tenn.	✓
127—*Usleman, O. T.	Rockwood, Tenn.	✓
128—†Walker, T. S.	Morristown, Tenn.	✓
129—*Walker, R. E.	Telford, Tenn.	✓
130—*Ware, J. T.	Rutledge, Tenn. (R. F. D.)	✓
131—†West, T. R.	Athens, Tenn.	✓
132—*Weidler, R. C.	Newport, Tenn.	✓
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5—Grahl, J. S. (a)	Athens, Tenn.
6—Haney, D. R.	Friendsville, Tenn.
7—Houchins, J. W.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
8—Kirby, C. L. (a)	Scarboro, Tenn.
9—Klutz, T. L. (a)	Crossville, Tenn.
10—Little, J. P.	Knoxville, Tenn. (R. F. D. 13)
11—Leonard, I. B.	Pattonsville, Va.
12—May, J. W.	Athens, Tenn.
13—Osborne, Jas.	Graysville, Tenn.
14—Otwell, T. H. (a)	Baldwin, Kan.
15—Pafford, C. F.	Athens, Tenn.
16—Porter, J. E.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
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18—Tarwater, O. R.	Boston, Mass.
19—Taylor, Chas. H.	Pikeville, Tenn.
20—Warren, J. W.	Pinhook, Tenn.
21—Wright, Virgil C.	Ridgedale, Tenn.

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5—Clear, Luther	Andersonville, Tenn.
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10—Frazier, S. H.	Surgoinsville, Tenn.
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12—Gunn, J. M.	Tracy City, Tenn.
13—Giles, J. T.	Jonesville, Va.
14—Grace, J. W.	Dungannon, Va.
15—Graham, J. N.	Christiansburg, Va.
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17—Haynes, A. J.	Etowah, Tenn.
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19—Hubbard, J. W.	Honaker, Va.
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21—King, A. A.	Hansonville, Va. (R. F. D.)
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23—Lindsay, W. N.	Newport, Tenn. (R. F. D.)

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29—Sproles, Sam	New Tazewell, Tenn.
30—Stepp, E. M.	Elgin, Tenn.
31—Stone, D. B. S.	Gate City, Va.
32—Todd, I. N.	Holston, Va.
33—Underwood, O. L.	Chestnut Hill, Tenn.

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE M. E. CHURCH
IN THE "HOLSTON COUNTRY."

Western Conference.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1800	Oct. 6	Bethel Academy, Ky	Francis Asbury --	William Burk
1801	Oct. 1	Ebenezer, Tenn. --	Francis Asbury --	William Burk
1802	Oct. 1	Bethel Academy, Ky	Francis Asbury --	William Burk
1803	Oct. 2	Mount Gerizin, Ky.	Francis Asbury --	William Burk
1804	Oct. 2	Mount Gerizin, Ky.	Wm. McKendree --	William Burk
1805	Oct. 2	Anthony Hstn, Ky.	{ Francis Asbury -- Rich. Whatcoat --	William Burk
1806	Sept. 15	Ebenezer, Tenn. --	Francis Asbury --	William Burk
1807	Sept. 14	Chillicothe, Ohio --	Francis Asbury --	William Burk
1808	Oct. 1	Liberty Hill, Tenn..	{ Francis Asbury -- Wm. McKendree --	William Burk
1809	Sept. 30	Cincinnati, Ohio --	{ Francis Asbury -- Wm. McKendree --	William Burk
1810	Sept. 6	Shelbyville, Ky. --	Wm. McKendree --	William Burk
1811	Oct. 5	Cincinnati, Ohio --	Wm. McKendree --	Lea'r Blackburn

Tennessee Conference.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1812	Nov. 12	F'tn. Head, Tenn. --	{ Francis Asbury -- Wm. McKendree --	William B. Elgin
1813	Oct. 1	Rees' Chapel, Tenn. --	{ Francis Asbury -- Wm. McKendree --	William B. Elgin
1814	Sept. 29	Kennerlys, Ky. --	{ Francis Asbury -- Wm. McKendree --	Thos. L. Douglass
1815	Oct. 20	Bethlehem, Ky. --	{ Francis Asbury -- Wm. McKendree --	Thos. L. Douglass
1816	Oct. 26	Franklin, Tenn. --	Wm. McKendree --	Thos. L. Douglass
1817	Oct. 30	Franklin, Tenn. --	*T. L. Douglas --	Hardy M. Coyer
1818	Oct. 1	Nashville, Tenn. --	{ Wm. McKendree -- Enoch George --	Chas. Holliday
1819	Oct. 1	Nashville, Tenn. --	{ Wm. McKendree -- Enoch George --	Chas. Holliday
1820	Oct. 4	Hopkinsville, Ky. --	*Marcus Lindsey --	Chas. Holliday
1821	Nov. 7	Norvels Cmp. Grd.	{ Wm. McKendree -- Robt. R. Roberts --	Thos. L. Douglass
1822	Oct. 16	Ebenezer, Tenn. --	Enoch George --	Thos. L. Douglass
1823	Nov.	Huntsville, Ala. --	{ Wm. McKendree -- Enoch George --	Thos. L. Douglass

Holston Conference.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1824	Nov. 27	Knoxville, Tenn. --	Robt. R. Roberts--	John Tevis
1825	Oct. 20	Jonesboro, Tenn. --	{ Robt. R. Roberts-- Joshua Soule--	Thos. Stringfield
1826	Nov. 2	Abingdon, Va. -----	Joshua Soule-----	Thos. Stringfield
1827	Nov. 1	Knoxville, Tenn. --	Robt. R. Roberts--	Elbert F. Sevier
1828	Nov. 14	Jonesboro, Tenn. --	Joshua Soule-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1829	Dec. 24	Abingdon, Va. -----	Joshua Soule-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1830	Nov. 4	Ebenezer, Tenn. --	{ Wm. McKendree-- Joshua Soule--	Elbert F. Sevier
1831	Nov. 10	Athens, Tenn. -----	Elijah Hedding-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1832	Nov. 15	Evensham, Va. -----	John Emory-----	Thos. Stringfield
1833	Oct. 16	Kingsport, Tenn. --	Robt. R. Roberts--	Lew S. Marshall
1834	Oct. 8	Knoxville, Tenn. --	*John Henninger--	Lew S. Marshall
1835	Oct. 7	Abingdon, Va. -----	Jas. O. Andrew-----	Lew S. Marshall
1836	Oct. 2	Madisonville, Tenn. --	Thos. A. Morris-----	Lew S. Marshall
1837	Oct. 18	Reem's Creek, N. C.	Jas. O. Andrew-----	Lew S. Marshall
1838	Nov. 13	Wytheville, Va. --	Jas. O. Andrew-----	Lew S. Marshall
1839	Oct. 13	Greeneville, Tenn. --	*Thos. K. Catlett--	D. R. McAnally
1840	Nov. 11	LaFayette, Ga. -----	Thos. A. Morris-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1841	Oct. 6	Rogersville, Tenn. --	*Samuel Patton-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1842	Oct. 5	Knoxville, Tenn. --	Beverly Waugh-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1843	Oct. 4	Abingdon, Va. -----	Thos. A. Morris-----	Elbert F. Sevier
1844	Oct. 9	Reem's Creek, N. C.	Edmund S. Janes--	Elbert F. Sevier

Holston Conference Reorganized.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1865	June 1	Athens -----	D. W. Clark-----	John F. Spence
1866	May 17	Greeneville -----	D. W. Clark-----	John F. Spence
1867	Oct. 3	Knoxville -----	C. Kingsley-----	John F. Spence
1868	Oct. 8	Chattanooga -----	D. W. Clark-----	John F. Spence
1869	Oct. 7	Jonesboro -----	M. Simpson-----	John F. Spence
1870	Oct. 3	Knoxville -----	L. Scott-----	John J. Manker
1871	Oct. 11	Greeneville -----	L. Scott-----	John J. Manker
1872	Oct. 2	Cleveland -----	S. M. Merrill-----	John J. Manker
1873	Oct. 1	Knoxville -----	G. Haven-----	John J. Manker
1874	Sept. 30	Chattanooga -----	E. G. Andrews-----	John J. Manker
1875	Sept. 29	Greeneville -----	T. Bowman-----	John J. Manker
1876	Oct. 4	Kingston -----	L. Scott-----	John J. Manker
1877	Sept. 27	Knoxville -----	W. L. Harris-----	John J. Manker
1878	Oct. 2	New Market -----	L. Scott-----	John J. Manker
1879	Oct. 15	Knoxville -----	I. W. Wiley-----	John J. Manker
1880	Oct. 20	Greeneville -----	E. O. Haven-----	Jas. D. Roberson
1881	Oct. 20	Maryville -----	E. G. Andrews-----	Judson S. Hill
1882	Oct. 19	Chattanooga -----	M. Simpson-----	Judson S. Hill
1883	Oct. 17	Knoxville -----	T. Bowman-----	Judson S. Hill
1884	Oct. 16	Greeneville -----	H. W. Warren-----	Thos. B. Russell
1885	Oct. 15	Johnson City -----	J. F. Hurst-----	Thos. B. Russell
1886	Oct. 20	Athens -----	W. F. Mallalieu-----	Thos. B. Russell
1887	Oct. 12	Knoxville -----	E. G. Andrews-----	Thos. B. Russell
1888	Oct. 10	Cleveland -----	J. N. Fitzgerald-----	Thos. B. Russell
1889	Oct. 9	Dayton -----	I. W. Joyce-----	Thos. B. Russell
1890	Oct. 9	Greeneville -----	J. M. Walden-----	Thos. B. Russell
1891	Oct. 21	Chattanooga -----	W. X. Ninde-----	Thos. B. Russell
1892	Oct. 5	Morristown -----	C. D. Foss-----	Thos. B. Russell

Holston Conference Reorganized.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1893	Oct. 17	Maryville -----	S. M. Merrill -----	Thomas B. Russell
1894	Oct. 17	Johnson City -----	R. S. Foster -----	Thomas B. Russell
1895	Oct. 9	Knoxville -----	D. A. Goodsell -----	Thomas B. Russell
1896	Sept. 30	Newport -----	W. F. Mallalieu -----	James H. Amis
1897	Sept. 23	Athens -----	E. G. Andrews -----	James H. Amis
1898	Oct. 13	Elizabethton -----	J. H. Vincent -----	James H. Amis
1899	Oct. 11	Cleveland -----	C. D. Foss -----	James H. Amis
1900	Oct. 3	Chattanooga -----	D. A. Goodsell -----	James H. Amis
1901	Oct. 9	Morristown -----	J. W. Hamilton -----	James H. Amis
1902	Oct. 2	Maryville -----	J. M. Walden -----	James H. Amis
1903	Sept. 23	Knoxville -----	I. W. Joyce -----	James H. Amis
1904	Oct. 6	Newport -----	H. W. Warren -----	James H. Amis
1905	Oct. 11	Harriman -----	C. H. Fowler -----	James J. Robinette
1906	Oct. 11	Greeneville -----	W. F. McDowell -----	James J. Robinette
1907	Oct. 9	Knoxville -----	L. B. Wilson -----	James J. Robinette
1908	Oct. 7	Johnson City -----	D. A. Goodsell -----	Burton M. Martin

* Elders elected to preside in the absence of a Bishop.

In 1844 the great division occurred, and in 1845 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. The Holston Conference passed under the supervision of the new church. But after a lapse of twenty years the Holston Conference was reorganized, 1865, in Athens, Tenn., under the presidency of Bishop Davis W. Clark.

OUR DEAD.

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."—Heb. 11:13.

AGE	NAME	BORN	AD'T	DIED	WHERE BURIED
69	Willis Ingle -----	1798	1838	Oct. 29, 1867	-----
89	David Fleming -----	May 4, 1779	1824	Aug. 28, 1868	-----
81	James Cummings -----	Oct. 26, 1787	1820	June 30, 1868	-----
52	W. A. Marshall -----	1819	1869	Sept. 29, 1871	-----
57	W. H. H. Duggan -----	July 3, 1815	1855	Aug. 11, 1872	-----
73	Joseph Milburn -----	Jan. 23, 1800	1865	Jan. 18, 1873	-----
83	Isaac Forkner -----	1790	1867	April 7, 1873	-----
---	John Leach -----	-----	-----	1873	-----
---	Robert Clark -----	1870	-----	Aug. 9, 1873	-----
60	N. E. Cobleigh -----	Nov. 24, 1814	1844	Feb. 1, 1874	-----
70	Elijah Still -----	Sept. 4, 1805	1831	April 12, 1875	-----
---	S. Patterson -----	1868	-----	Mar. 21, 1875	-----
64	M. H. B. Burkett -----	July 11, 1811	1864	Nov. 12, 1875	Chatata
---	W. P. Fair -----	-----	1870	Dec. 13, 1876	-----
61	Robt. H. Guthrie -----	Mar. 27, 1820	1850	May 20, 1881	-----
---	G. W. Heningier -----	-----	1874	April 23, 1881	-----
80	John Forrester -----	May 7, 1801	-----	Dec. 3, 1881	-----

OUR DEAD — Continued.

AGE	NAME	BORN	AD'T	DIED	WHERE BURIED
78	Spencer Henry	Oct. 25, 1805	1858	June 3, 1883	Carpenters C.G.
	B. F. Wells		1866	-----	1884
58	W. B. Ballenger	June 23, 1826	1852	Oct. 15, 1884	
57	John R. Hughes	May 7, 1829	1867	May 13, 1886	Greeneville
54	J. P. Milburn	Feb. 5, 1832	1865	Oct. 20, 1886	
80	Daniel Carter	-----	1813	Aug. 30, 1887	
29	John W. Holden	Oct. 29, 1858	1885	-----	1887
	J. F. Morrison				1887
68	N. G. Taylor	Dec. 29, 1819	1872	April 1, 1887	
80	Lemuel Bogart	Apr. 29, 1808	1866	May 3, 1888	
	W. T. Jones		1883	-----	1888
	Moses Seaton		1869	April 17, 1889	
72	Wm. M. Haskall	June 11, 1818	1844	Feb. 8, 1890	
	C. S. Long	Jan. 3, 1850	1875	-----	
78	W. H. Rogers	Mar. 22, 1813	-----	Mar. 17, 1891	
61	E. B. Clark	Oct. 10, 1830	1869	April 3, 1891	Wesleyana
60	W. D. Smith	Jan. 28, 1835	1871	July 4, 1892	Sugar Creek
60	G. M. Hicks	-----	1833	July 17, 1893	
67	A. B. Wright	Nov. 3, 1826	1867	Nov. 9, 1893	
39	John P. Morton	Aug. 26, 1855	1889	Sept. 15, 1894	Ceniton
77	A. G. Watkins	May 5, 1818	1867	Nov. 9, 1895	
63	A. J. Greer	Dec. 1832	1865	Nov. 20, 1895	New Tazewell
68	S. B. Scott	Nov. 3, 1829	1877	Jan. 6, 1896	
81	W. C. Graves	Aug. 13, 1815	1834	Jan. 29, 1896	Morristown
32	E. L. Fillmore	June 11, 1864	1891	Aug. 12, 1896	Chattanooga
82	D. B. Lawton	June 5, 1814	-----	May 12, 1896	
48	D. S. Hodsdon	Feb. 28, 1848	1875	-----	1896
28	D. H. Jameson	May 26, 1869	1894	Jan. 20, 1897	
62	J. W. Mann	Aug. 9, 1835	1857	May 30, 1897	South Knoxville
81	W. C. Daily	Oct. 16, 1816	-----	June 27, 1897	South Knoxville
49	A. F. Creswell	Feb. 3, 1848	1875	June 10, 1897	
65	D. Richardson	Sept. 11, 1832	1868	June 30, 1897	Straight Creek
77	Samuel Greer	-----	1818	Oct. 9, 1897	
85	Patrick H. Reed	-----	1819	1853 May 16, 1904	Greeneville
32	P. H. Scarbrough	Apr. 12, 1870	1899	Oct. 31, 1902	
68	Thomas H. Russell	-----	1834	1859 Oct. 10, 1902	Sunbright
76	Jas. B. Fitzgerald	Sept. 26, 1826	1850	May 30, 1902	Chucky
56	L. O. Crowder	Feb. 10, 1844	1870	-----	1900
24	Jacob U. Davis	Mar. 4, 1876	1899	Feb. 11, 1900	Thorn Grove
74	James B. Seaton	Dec. 28, 1831	1867	April 8, 1905	Logan's Chapel
75	Geo. M. Stout	-----	1892	Oct. 12, 1905	Andersonville
76	Geo. B. Cox	Dec. 20, 1848	-----	Nov. 27, 1905	Sul. Spgs. C. G.
77	Geo. Julian	July 10, 1812	-----	Mar. 5, 1906	Tyner's Station
78	Wm. R. Long	-----	1819	1844 May 23, 1906	Athens
79	John C. Hodge	Aug. 16, 1847	1888	Aug. 23, 1906	Whitehorn
80	Jas. D. Lawson	Jan. 12, 1826	-----	Nov. 15, 1896	Wear's Valley
81	Wm. Kinsland	Sept. 26, 1836	1867	Aug. 9, 1907	Joppa
82	Robt. O. Ayres	Sept. 13, 1831	1865	Oct. 7, 1907	Cedar Springs
83	Robt. Walker	Aug. 24, 1865	1897	Dec. 24, 1907	Wildwood
84	T. G. Chase	Oct. 22, 1850	1892	Feb. 10, 1908	Cleveland
85	Geo. W. Clendennen	Mar. 5, 1852	1889	May 26, 1908	Wildwood

BOARD OF EXAMINATION.

Important Information for Examiners and Candidates.

In accordance with the Discipline, the action of the Conference and the Board of Examiners, in its reorganization and the interest of a higher standard of efficiency for our ministry, the following has been prepared:

1. The work of the Board is divided into six groups: Admission on Trial; first, second, third and fourth years, and Local Orders. Each group to be in the hands of a committee—one of the committeemen to be chairman of the committee.
2. Mid-year examinations are required; time and place to be arranged and announced. No examinations are allowable except at mid-year appointments and at the seat of the annual Conference. Candidates for admission and local orders are excused from mid-year work.
3. The day preceding the opening of the Annual Conference is the appointed time for examination. Examiners who absent themselves from this day's work, failing at the same time to furnish the Chairman of the Board with written questions on his studies, are not to be recommended to the Bishop for reappointment unless said examiners offer a legitimate excuse. And candidates who fail to attend examinations on appointed day, unless unavoidably detained, need not ask for examination.
4. The candidates are urged to buy their books at the very opening of the year and study carefully the Mid-year subjects and after the Mid-year examination make complete survey of the remaining subjects immediately. The examiners are required to correspond with the candidates in the early Winter, preparatory to Mid-year examination and in the early Summer looking to the Conference examination, furnishing the candidates with from 50 to 100 questions or suggestions—at least covering the subject. The final examination questions to be drawn from these questions or suggestions previously given.
5. The requirements of the Discipline are to make the examinations written if practicable, and two weeks ahead of the annual examination at Conference to send written questions to the Chairman of the Board.
6. The chairman of each group is to submit in writing the grades of the candidates in his department to the registrar.
7. Mid-year examinations to be conducted the first Tuesday in May.
8. The subjects for Mid-year work are noted "Mid-Year" in the following schedule:
9. The Board of Examiners, together with the candidates, are called to convene at Morristown the night previous to the day of Conference examination.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS.

B. M. MARTIN, Chairman.
T. B. RUSSELL, Registrar.

Admission on Trial.

R. A. SIMONDS, Chairman-	{ Manual of Christian Doctrine. Discipline of M. E. Church, 1908. Written Sermon. Reading Course.
S. D. TUTTLE-----	{ Manual of Bible History. Wesley and His Century.
A. C. KETRON -----	{ English Branches. Plain Account of Christian Perfection.

First Year.

E. B. OLMSTEAD, Chairman	{ Divine Library of the Old Testament (Mid-year.) Students' American History.
J. D. ROBERSON-----	{ System of Christian Doctrine (Mid-year.) Written Sermon.
M. P. MURPHY -----	{ Lectures on Homiletics. Reading Course.

Second Year.

W. N. MASON, Chairman --	{ Short History of the English People. Lessons in Logic.
G. W. PAUL-----	{ The Ancestry of Our English Bible (Mid-year.) Essay.
W. C. MILLER -----	{ System of Christian Doctrine (Mid-year.) Reading Course.

Third Year.

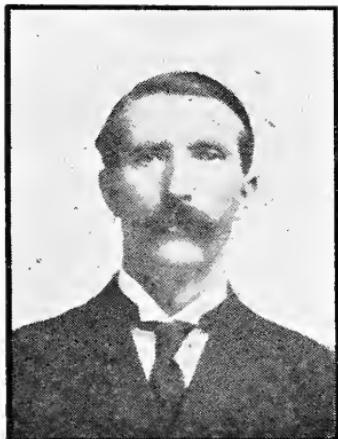
R. L. STAPLETON, Chmn.	{ Outlines of Descriptive Psychology (Mid-year.) The Land of Israel.
G. R. ROWAN-----	{ Outlines of Universal History. Parts I and II. History of the Christian Church. Vol. I. (Mid-year.) Reading Course.
J. W. BOLING -----	{ Biblical Hermeneutics. Written Sermon.



BURTON M. MARTIN
Secretary



S. D. TUTTLE
Assistant Secretary



W. S. GRANT
Financial Secretary



Fourth Year.

F. E. ROSS, Chairman-----	{ Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief (Mid-year.) Christian Ethics. Reading Course.
F. M. CONES-----	{ Analogy of Religion. Outlines of Universal History. Part III. (Mid-year.)
A. S. BEAMAN -----	{ History of the Christian Church. Vol. II. Essay.

LOCAL ORDERS.**I. Deacons' Orders.**

W. F. PITTS, Chairman -----	{ First and Second Year's Course for Local Preachers.
W. K. HARRIS-----	{ Third and Fourth Year's Course for Local Preachers.

II. Elders' Orders.

W. K. HARRIS, Chairman-----	{ Manual of Christian Doctrine. Lectures on Homiletics.
W. F. PITTS-----	{ Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

Places for Mid-Year Examinations and the Supervisors in Charge.

Athens—B. M. Martin.	Wise, Va.—T. J. Crumley.
Chattanooga—S. D. Tuttle.	Johnson City—T. B. Russell.
Jellico—R. L. Stapleton.	Knoxville—E. B. Olmstead.
Newbern, Va.—E. G. Hutchinson.	

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? W. N. Mason, from the New England; A. P. Boyd, from the Georgia, and A. P. Jones, from Central Illinois.
2. Who have been readmitted? None.
3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? Thomas E. Winecoff, from Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
4. Who have been received on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year, Pulliam L. Clonce; (b) In studies of Third Year, Virgil C. Wright.
5. Who have been continued on Trial? (a) In studies of First Year, John W. May, Clarence F. Pafford, James W. Houchins, Oliver R. Tarwater, Thomas H. Otwell, James Osborne; (b) In studies of Second Year, William M. Bull, J. O. Cox, Joseph P. Little, Charles H. Taylor, Thomas L. Klutz, John W. Warren, J. S. Grahl, Charles L.

Kirby, D. R. Haney, J. E. Porter, W. D. Farmer, I. B. Leonard; (c) In studies of Third Year, W. L. Oliver, F. H. Carey, Eli R. Branam, J. B. Keister; (d) In studies of Fourth Year, F. M. Reynolds, Carl K. Mahoney, Luther B. Clark, J. T. Bird, R. E. Walker, Jasper Sage.

6. **Who have been discontinued?** T. F. M. Fraker.
7. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?** (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: John L. Scott, Patton R. Broyles; (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously, None.
8. **What members are in studies of Third Year?** (a) Admitted into full membership this year, John L. Scott, Patton R. Broyles; (b) Admitted into full membership previously, W. L. Oliver, F. H. Carey, Eli R. Branam, J. B. Keister.
9. **What members are in studies of Fourth Year?** (a) By advancement, F. M. Reynolds, Carl K. Mahoney; (b) By continuation, Luther B. Clark, J. T. Bird, R. E. Walker, Jasper Sage.
10. **What members have completed the Conference Course of study?** (a) Elected and ordained elders this year, A. C. Goddard, Benj. M. Morrison; (b) Elected and ordained elders previously, None.
11. **What others have been elected and ordained deacons?** (a) As local preachers, James W. Grace, Charles M. Davis; (b) Under missionary rule, John W. Warren; (c) Under Seminary rule, Virgil C. Wright.
12. **What others have been elected and ordained elders?..** (a) As local deacons, None; (b) Under missionary rule, None; (c) Under seminary rule, O. T. Usleman.
13. **Was the character of each preacher examined?** This was done, the Superintendent of each district answering for the preacher in his district.
14. **Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?** Luther Freeman, to the St. Louis; W. F. Sheppard, to the West Virginia.
15. **Who have died?** Robt. Walker, T. G. Chase, Geo. W. Cldnenen.
16. **Who have been located at their own request?** J. S. Jones.
17. **Who have been located?** None.
18. **Who have withdrawn?** G. H. Christenbury, F. P. Sanders.
19. **Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?** None.
20. **Who have been expelled?** None.
21. **What other personal notation should be made?** The recognition of Orders: James H. Smith, a Deacon from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; E. W. Akard and E. M. Stepp, Deacons from the Free Will Baptist Church; O. P. Evans, Elder from the Methodist Protestant Church; and J. P. Shultz, in restoration to Deacon's Orders in the Methodist Episcopal Church.
22. **Who are the supernumerary preachers?** L. B. Caldwell, Giles

A. Conner, A. H. Ingle, I. N. Pippin, M. A. Rule, J. C. Harmon, H. W. Bolton, C. F. Hunter, J. H. Amis, T. B. Russell, J. F. Perry, J. T. Hammond, J. W. McGhee, L. Davis, J. W. Cardwell, R. C. Robertson, K. H. Hackler, U. A. Foster, and W. R. Suman.

23. **Who are superannuated preachers?** T. R. West, J. N. Baker, T. W. Brown, C. C. Wyatt, J. L. Cardwell, T. A. Cass, J. A. Baker, G. W. Coleman, G. H. Thompson, P. H. Henry, Benj. Crist, S. W. Hyden, J. H. Jennings, J. N. Newton, J. B. Little, C. W. Miller, J. M. Durham, T. S. Walker, A. Y. Snavely, T. H. Hodge, A. C. Peters, A. G. Cadle, R. A. Scott.

24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?** J. J. Robinette, E. B. Olmstead, T. W. Brown, M. H. Monroe, and A. C. Peters.

25. **What is the Statistical Report for this year?** Probationers, 1,480; decrease, 619; full members, 32,052; increase, 2,481. (See Statistical Table in Conference Journal for complete information.)

26. **What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?** \$12,882.00.

27. **What are the claims on the Conference Fund?** \$1,500.00 from Conference collections.

28. **What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?** \$1,320.00 Conference collections. From Chartered Fund and Book Concern, \$1,475. \$30.00 returned from last year's appropriation. (See Report of Board of Stewards on Distribution.)

29. **Where are the preachers stationed?** See appointments.

30. **Where shall the next Conference be held?** Morristown, Tenn.

APPOINTMENTS.

(* Indicates supply, and figures years stationed.)

Athens District.

JOHN S. BURNETT, District Superintendent; Postoffice, Athens, Tenn.

Athens-----	B. M. Martin (3)	Etowah -----	To be supplied
Athens Circuit --	S. P. Angel (2)	Friendsville---	D. R. Haney (1)
Cleveland -----	A. J. Murphy (2)	Lenoir City and Circuit -----	
Cleveland Circuit, East-----		-----	A. B. McKenzie (1)
----- J. W. May (1)		Loudon-----	J. S. Strange (1)
Cleveland Circuit, North -----		Maryville-----	A. S. Beaman (3)
----- J. T. Bird (1)		Maryville Circuit -----	
Cleveland Circuit, South -----		-----	John Sanders (1)
----- To be supplied		North Athens---	J. S. Grah (2)
Copperhill---	T. E. Winecoff (2)	Tellico Plains--	G. R. Rowan (1)
Decatur -----	J. W. Warren (2)	Tellico Plains Circuit -----	
Ebenezer -----	M. H. Rambo (2)	-----	*A. J. Haynes (1)
Englewood---*	T. W. Brown (1)		

Bristol District.

D. G. PILE, District Superintendent; Postoffice, Bristol, Tenn.

Appalachia	To be supplied	Keokee	* J. S. Yeary (1)
Benham's	*I. N. Todd (1)	Nicklesville	*L. W. Ellison (1)
Bristol	To be supplied	Pattonsville	I. B. Leonard (3)
Crane's Nest	To be supplied	Pennington and Big Stone Gap	W. D. Farmer (2)
Dungannon	*J. W. Grace (1)	Rose Hill	N. C. Burkhardt (1)
Gate City	*D. B. S. Stone (2)	Russell	A. H. Ingle (2)
Greendale	F. M. Reynolds (1)	Sneadville	*J. J. Maness (1)
Hilton	*S. H. Frazier (1)	Wise and Coeburn	T. J. Crumley (1)
Honaker	*A. A. King		
Jonesville	*J. T. Giles (1)		

Chattanooga District.

ROBERT B. STANSELL, District Superintendent; Postoffice, 1906
Vine St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga—		-----	W. C. Haltom (4)
Alton Park	To be supplied	Fairmount	*Jos. F. Huldron (1)
Epworth	A. C. Goddard (3)	Graysville	James Osborne (1)
1st Church	W. N. Mason (1)	Jasper	C. C. Morris (1)
Highland Pk	S. D. Tuttle (2)	Litton	*James Hart (1)
Hill City	*R. M. Millard (1)	Morgan Spgs.	J. E. Porter (1)
	B. R. Smith	Pikeville	C. H. Taylor (1)
Manker Mem.	W. C. Miller (1)	Rockwood	O. T. Usleman (1)
East Chat.	J. W. Boling (1)	Rockwood Circuit	
Ridgedale	V. C. Wright (2)		*P. E. Johnson (1)
St. James	W. F. Pitts (1)	S. Pittsburg	M. P. Murphy (2)
	T. L. Klutz	Spring City and Spivey	
Crossville	Carl K. Mahoney (1)		P. R. Broyles (1)
Daisy	J. T. Hopper (1)	Tracy City	*John M. Gerren (1)
Dayton and Vine Grove	-----	Whitwell	P. L. Clonce (1)

Clinton District.

J. M. EMERT, District Superintendent; Postoffice, 1014 Gratz Ave.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Andersonville	-----	Knoxville Ct.	W. R. Byerly (2)
	C. D. Houchins (1)	LaFollette	A. P. Boyd (1)
Big Valley	*Luther Clear (1)	Maynardville Circuit	
Burrville and Sunbright	-----		*Otey Dyke (1)
	R. L. Lesley (1)	Newcomb	J. L. Scott (1)
Clark Range	*C. L. Poulston (1)	New Tazewell	*Saml. Sproles (1)
Clearfield	To be supplied	Oliver Springs	F. H. Carey (1)
Clinton	L. D. Hamill (1)	Oneida	*E. M. Stepp (1)
Harriman	J. D. Roberson (2)	Rutledge	J. T. Ware (1)
Jacksboro	*W. J. Letsinger (1)	Scarboro	C. L. Kirby (1)
Jellico	R. L. Stapleton (2)	Well Spring	L. B. Clark (1)
Kingston	H. M. Hawk (2)		

Greeneville District.

G. S. BALES, District Superintendent; Postoffice, 201 Unaka Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.	
Baileyton Circuit -----	Johnson City Station-----
-----M. N. Davenport (2)	-----J. J. Robinette (3)
Bloomingdale Circuit -----	Mtn. City Circuit_G. W. Paul (4)
-----H. W. McKenzie (1)	Parrottsville Circuit -----
Chuckey Circuit_A. M. Rose (2)	-----G. W. Matney (4)
Greeneville Circuit -----	Rogersville and Whitehorn---
-----*T. F. M. Fraker (1)	-----T. H. Conner (1)
Greeneville Station -----	Roan Mountain Circuit-----
-----J. A. Mitchell (1)	-----B. M. Morrison (1)
Elizabethhton and Butler-----	Surgoinsville Circuit -----
-----R. E. Ayres (1)	-----*E. W. Akard (1)
Fall Branch Circuit -----	Sulphur Springs Circuit -----
-----A. C. Ketro (1)	-----S. G. Ketro (1)
Jonesboro Circuit -----	Unicoi Circuit_*J. F. Reed (1)
-----R. E. Walker (2)	Watauga Ct. _W. V. Elliott (2)

Knoxville District.

G. T. FRANCISCO, District Superintendent; Postoffice, 624 Luttrell St., Knoxville, Tenn.	
Chestnut Hill -----	S. Knoxville_W. L. Oliver (2)
-----*O. L. Underwood (3)	Little River_E. R. Branam (5)
Dandridge _W. S. Bandy (2)	Morristown _W. K. Harris (2)
Elm Grove and Asbury-----	Morristown Circuit -----
-----*W. G. Sliger (1)	-----D. T. Lawson (3)
Fair Garden_*W.M.Christian (1)	Newport_R. C. Weidler (1)
Jefferson City_I. A. Pearce (1)	Newport Circuit -----
Knoxville—	-----*W. N. Lindsey (2)
1st Church_E. B. Olmstead (5)	New Salem _J. P. Little (2)
2d Church_W. S. Grant (4)	Pigeon Forge_W. M. Bull (3)
East Main Avenue-----	Thorn Grove_J. O. Cox (1)
-----E. Omohundro (1)	Townsend and Walland -----
Lonsdale _M. C. Bruner (1)	-----A. A. Newman (2)
Oakwood-----S. V. Lowe (2)	Sevierville -----G. T. Byrd (1)
Trinity -----F. E. Ross (4)	

Roanoke District.

E. G. HUTCHINSON, District Superintendent; Postoffice, Newbern, Virginia.	
Auburn-----To be supplied	Lafayette-----To be supplied
Christiansburg_*J.N.Graham (1)	Marion-----J. F. Giles (2)
Floyd-----J. B. Keister (1)	Pulaski-----To be supplied
Freis-----To be supplied	Roanoke -----A. P. Jones (1)
Franklin-----*O. P. Evans (1)	Salem-----*E. G. Gillespie (1)
Glenford-----J. K. Rumburg (1)	Sword's Creek _*A. V. Dye (2)
Grayson-----*W. C. Bellamy (1)	Tazewell-----*J. W. Hubbard (2)
Honaker -----*A. A. King (1)	Wytheville Ct. --Jasper Sage (1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

R. J. Cooke, Book Editor, member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

J. J. Manker, editor Methodist Advocate Journal, member of First Church, Chattanooga, quarterly conference.

J. S. Petty, assistant editor Methodist Advocate Journal, member Morristown quarterly conference.

G. T. Newcomb, professor School of Theology, member Highland Park quarterly conference.

W. W. Hooper, professor University of Chattanooga, member of First Church quarterly conference.

E. C. Ferguson, professor University of Chattanooga, Athens department, member Athens quarterly conference.

T. D. Rowe, Conference evangelist, member Clinton quarterly conference.

M. H. Monroe, president A. B. Wright Institute, member of Burville quarterly conference.

J. H. Gillespie, missionary to Porto Rico.

J. A. Ruble, chaplain Soldiers' Home, Johnson City, Tenn., member Jonesboro Circuit quarterly conference.

F. M. Cones, chaplain Indiana State Soldiers' Home, member Chuckey Circuit quarterly conference.

John Fletcher Spence, national chaplain Grand Army of the Republic, member First Church quarterly conference.

T. H. Otwell, J. W. Houchins and D. M. Ausmus, left without appointment to attend one of our schools. All members of First Church, Chattanooga, quarterly conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS' DIRECTORY.

Official Relation: * for Elders; † for Deacons.

Athens District.

Name—	Postoffice.
*Burke, M. R. M.	Athens, Tenn.
Cassaday, C. W.	Loudon, Tenn.
Ebelen, W. H.	Lenoir City, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
*Evans, J. S.	Athens, Tenn.
Everheart, Isaac	Mecca, Tenn.
†Gibson, D. H.	Lenoir City, Tenn.
†Haynes, A. J.	Etowah, Tenn.
Hanks, John	Athens, Tenn.
Haynes, M. G.	Lenoir City, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Holdridge, Leo	Loudon, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
*McClary, O. B.	Athens, Tenn.
McNabb, L. B.	Cleveland, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Miller, J. N. H.	Mecca, Tenn.
Millard, R. M.	Hill City, Tenn.
Murphy, J. P.	Lenoir City, Tenn.
Pyott, J. I.	Athens, Tenn.
*Radcliff, A. R.	Cleveland, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
*Rominger, L. A.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Roberts, W. L.	Bearden, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
†Shultz, J. P.	Athens, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Sullivan, D. A.	Cleveland, Tenn.
Walls, R. M.	Wetmore, Tenn.

Bristol District.

Bellamy, C. V.	Cameron, Va.
Bevins, J. H.	Wise, Va.
Carico, F. A.	Pilgrim, Va.
Carty, J. C.	Logan, Va.
Dash, J. H.	Rose Hill, Va.
†Dye, A. V.	Greendale, Va.
Egan, C. W.	Rye Cove, Va.
*Ellison, L. W.	Seven Mile Ford, Va.
Ely, H. H.	Pennington, Va.
Evans, R. N.	Virginia City, Va.
Fletcher, Henry	Nicklesville, Va.
*Fleenor, M. B.	Gate City, Va.
*Giles, I. B.	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Gillespie, E. G.	Clinch, Va.
†Grace, J. W.	Rye Cove, Va.
Hess, Joshua	Sword's Creek, Va.
Hutchinson, J. F.	Wise, Va.

Hutchinson, Geo.	Wis^, Va.
King, A. A.	Hansonville, Va. (R. F. D.)
Jones, C. W.	St. Paul, Va.
Lanningham, J. T.	Pennington Gap, Va.
Maness, J. J.	Hagan, Va.
Massey, J. M.	Clinch, Va.
McDaniel, W. M.	Gate City, Va.
Nixon, H. T.	Lotus, Va.
†Osborn, L. G.	Clinch, Va.
Parsons, S. N.	Slemp, Va.
Penley, Robt.	Man, Va.
†Peters, W. B.	Big Cut, Va.
Phelps, John	Holston, Va.
Saunders, G. W.	Crafts, Va.
Snavely, Jacob	Shewanee, Tenn.
†Stone, D. B. S.	Gate City, Tenn.
Todd, I. N.	Holston, Va.
†Wilson, A. W.	Sword's Creek, Va.
Wyatt, J. P.	Meadow View, Va.
Yeary, J. S.	Ewing, Va.
Vermillion, W. H.	Nickleseville, Va.

Chattanooga District.

†Billingsley, J. D.	Victoria, Tenn.
Bowling, Levi	Sequatchie, Tenn.
†Brown, J. M.	Fairmount, Tenn.
Carden, H.	Daisy, Tenn.
Coleman, J. C.	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Curvin, I. A.	Soddy, Tenn.
*Duckett, W. A.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
East, J. F.	Rockwood, Tenn.
Elzey, Norris	Hill City, Tenn.
Finch, F. I.	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Gerren, John M.	Tracy City, Tenn.
Hochings	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
*Jones, S. B.	Alton Park, Tenn.
*Johnson, P. E.	Rockwood, Tenn.
Lindsey, L. P.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Menzler, Christian	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Morgan, George W.	Morgan Springs, Tenn.
Owen, Joseph	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Owen, John	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Potter, E.	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
*Rector, O. B.	Crossville, Tenn.
*Roberts, L. P.	South Pittsburg, Tenn.
*Stauffer, F. G.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
St. John, Randolph	University, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Swofford, G. F.	Litton, Tenn.
Williams, W. B.	Rhea Springs, Tenn.

Clinton District.

Atkinson, W. W.	Banner Springs, Tenn.
Ayers, J. C.	Careyville, Tenn.
Bowman, W. E.	Powells' Station, Tenn.
Bradley, F. L.	Fountain City, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Broyles, T. Y.	LaFollette, Tenn.
Cagley, Geo.	Oliver Springs, Tenn.
Carroll, Alford	Maynardsville, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Clark, H. L.	Oliver Springs, Tenn.
†Cobble, J. B.	Norma, Tenn.
*Duncan, W. M.	New Tazewell, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
†Dyke, I. N.	Hartranft, Tenn.
Ellis, L. M.	Powder Springs, Tenn.
Gibbons, John	Rutledge, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Hale, S. M.	Newcomb, Tenn.
Hall, C. M.	Banner Springs, Tenn.
Hammonds, J. W.	Newcomb, Tenn.
†Hinds, F. M.	Maynardsville, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Jones, H. B.	Wheat, Tenn.
*Jones, J. S.	Jellico, Tenn.
Lett, Lewis	Forkvale, Tenn.
Lewis, T. A.	Speedwell, Tenn.
Mumford, J. F.	Harriman, Tenn.
Patterson, R. L.	Tazewell, Tenn.
Reynolds, R. T.	Liberty Hill, Tenn.
†Shockley, P. W.	Rutledge, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
†Smith, W. T.	Harriman, Tenn.
Snoderly, Samuel	Heiskell, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
†Williams, R. L.	Helenwood, Tenn.

Greeneville District.

Akard, E. W.	Unicoi, Tenn.
Burgner, W. G.	Chuckey, Tenn.
Burkey, S. J.	Greeneville, Tenn.
Cox, W. H.	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Cox, Chas.	Johnson City, Tenn.
Depew, W. P.	Fall Branch, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Easterly, G. D.	Parrottsville, Tenn.
Frazier, S. H.	Surgoinsville, Tenn.
Fraker, T. F. M.	Limestone, Tenn.
Head, W. M.	Unicoi, Tenn.
Heaton, J. K.	Roane Mountain, Tenn.
Hood, B. F.	Fall Branch, Tenn.
Hughes, W. L.	Baileyton, Tenn.
Johnson, Chas.	Johnson City, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Linebaugh, Joshua	Baileyton, Tenn.
Mahoney, John	Johnson City, Tenn.
McWhirter, Leroy	Greeneville, Tenn.
Nelson, E. G.	Butler, Tenn.

Reed, J. F. -----	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Sauceman, G. W. -----	Greeneville, Tenn.
Waters, Fred D. -----	Jonesboro, Tenn.

Knoxville District.

Baker, Thomas -----	Knoxville, Tenn.
Brimer, John -----	Chestnut Hill, Tenn.
Burchfield, Wash. -----	Sevierville, Tenn.
Caton, Thomas -----	Cosby, Tenn.
*Christian, W. M. -----	Morristown, Tenn.
†Davis, Mac -----	Knoxville, Tenn.
Grahl, J. W. -----	Chestnut Hill, Tenn.
Green, Joseph -----	Walland, Tenn.
Holbert, Eli -----	Sevierville, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Lindsey, John -----	Cosby, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Lowe, J. G. -----	Knoxville, Tenn.
McAndrew, W. S. -----	Cosby, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
McMahan, George -----	Cosby, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Roby, W. T. -----	Knoxville, Tenn.
Rule, Richard -----	Knoxville, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Sartin, T. J. -----	Sevierville, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Trotter, William -----	Sevierville, Tenn. (R. F. D.)
Tyson, Philip -----	Knoxville, Tenn.

Roanoke District.

*Bellamy, W. C. -----	Comer's Rock, Va.
Crockett, E. R. -----	Salem, Va.
Epperly, John -----	Rogers, Va.
Early, J. L., Jr. -----	Newbern, Va.
*Evans, O. P. -----	Wirtz, Va.
Gillespie, E. G. -----	Salem, Va.
Hubbard, J. R. -----	Honaker, Va.
Hubbard, J. W. -----	Honaker, Va.
Hughes, H. G. -----	Rogers, Va.
Powers, R. R. -----	Roanoke, Va.
Reece, John -----	Salem, Va.
Rhodes, J. W. -----	Marion, Va.
Slusher, F. B. -----	East Radford, Va.
Stallard, S. D. -----	Rockdell, Va.
*Stiles, E. W. -----	Elliston, Va.
Tarter, W. G. -----	Wytheville, Va.
Vaughn, J. C. -----	Fries, Va.
†Vest, Peter -----	Simpson, Va.
†Wells, A. G. -----	Riner, Va.
Wells, E. F. -----	Riner, Va.

FIRST DAY.

Johnson City, Tenn., October 7, 1908.

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its sixty-fourth session in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Johnson City, Tenn., at 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, October 7, 1908, Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, D. D., LL. D., presiding.

The Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, after which he delivered an interesting and helpful address, and opened the Conference.

Roll Call—J. J. Robinette called the roll, and 102 members and probationers responded.

Organization—D. G. Pile nominated J. J. Robinette for Secretary, who, on account of extra work connected with entertaining the Conference, requested that his name be withdrawn, which was done, and on motion of Dr. R. J. Cooke, B. M. Martin was nominated and elected Secretary with the privilege of naming his assistants. S. D. Tuttle was named as Assistant Secretary; W. S. Grant, Financial Secretary; Thos. B. Russell, Registrar, and S. V. Lowe, Railroad Secretary. R. L. Stapleton was elected Statistical Secretary, and named C. C. Morris and R. C. Weidler assistants.

Wm. F. Pitts was elected Treasurer, and named F. E. Ross and A. C. Ketron assistants.

Hour of Meeting and Adjournment—The hour of 8:30 a. m. and 11:45 a. m. were fixed as the hours for meeting, and adjourning, respectively.

Bar of the Conference—The bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include all of the space in front of seats on a line with the center of the window at the side of the room.

Standing Committees—The standing committees nominated at the last session were read, and after some changes were referred to the District Superintendents for completion.

Introduced—Dr. S. O. Benton, Recording Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. T. C. Iliff, Field Secretary of

the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Rev. W. H. Davenport, of the Kentucky Conference; Rev. John T. Brown, pastor of the Christian Church; G. N. Tillman, Republican nominee for Governor of Tennessee, and Jacob Schmidt, representing the Book Concern, were introduced to the Conference.

Conference Postmaster—On motion of J. J. Robinette, D. G. Pile was elected Conference Postmaster.

Drafts Accepted—The Bishop announced that he held a draft for \$1,280 from the Book Concern, one for \$22 from the Chartered Fund, and also one for \$173 on account of the Virginia Conference. The drafts were accepted and made payable to the Chairman of the Board of Conference Stewards.

Thirteenth Question—“Was the character of each preacher examined?” was taken up, and J. S. Burnett, District Superintendent of the Athens District, was called and his character passed. The question, “Is there anything against any elder on the Athens District?” was asked, and answered in the negative. Not being ready to report his district, the report was deferred.

E. G. Hutchinson, District Superintendent of the Bristol District, was called; his character, together with the characters of the elders of the Bristol District, was passed, and he reported his work.

R. L. Leslie, A. C. Ketron, J. F. Giles and W. F. Sheppard reported concerning the disciplinary collections.

Statistical Session—The Bishop called for a statistical session at 2 o'clock p. m., to be presided over by Dr. R. J. Cooke.

Adjournment—After various announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. S. O. Benton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference convened at 2 o'clock p. m., Dr. R. J. Cooke in the chair. After a brief devotional service Dr. Cooke called the charges alphabetically and the pastors handed their reports to the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, after which the conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, October 8, 1908.

Devotional Service and Opening of Conference—Regular devotional services were conducted by the Bishop, and at 9

o'clock a. m. he called the conference to order and the minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

Greetings—On motion of A. P. Jones the conference instructed the Secretary to send greetings to the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session at Knoxville, Tenn.

Resolutions—A resolution from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in regard to the appointment of a committee on federation was read by the Secretary. On motion of Dr. R. J. Cooke a committee to consider the resolution and report back to the conference was ordered. The Bishop announced the following as the committee: R. J. Cooke, E. B. Olmstead, S. D. Tuttle, B. M. Martin and J. D. Roberson.

Statistics—Statistical reports from charges not having previously reported were called for.

Superannuated—A. G. Cadle, at his own request and on recommendation of his District Superintendent, was granted a superannuate relation.

Second Roll Call—The Secretary again called the roll and six additional members responded. On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Thirteenth Question—The thirteenth question was resumed and J. S. Burnette, District Superintendent of the Athens District, read his report.

B. M. Martin, S. P. Angel, J. S. Strange, A. J. Murphy, T. H. Conner and A. S. Beaman, effective elders of the Athens District, answered to the question in regard to the disciplinary collections for their respective charges.

Connectional Interests—Dr. S. O. Benton, Recording Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Dr. T. C. Iliff, Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, were introduced and addressed the conference.

Thirteenth Question—The thirteenth question was again called and R. B. Stansell, District Superintendent of the Chattanooga District, after the passage of his character, stated that there was nothing against any effective elder of his district, and read his report.

The following effective elders answered to the question in

regard to the disciplinary questions for their respective charges: E. Omohundro, W. C. Miller, S. D. Tuttle, C. C. Morris, W. C. Haltom, J. A. Mitchell, M. P. Murphy, J. T. Hopper and John Sanders.

Publishing Interests—Dr. H. C. Jennings, representing the Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the conference in the interest of our various publications and periodicals.

Resolutions—The Secretary read a resolution concerning the appointment of Dr. R. J. Cook to the office of Book Editor, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. (See Resolutions.)

Introduced—Rev. M. W. Doggett, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. E. Brown, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. H. T. Athey, pastor of the United Brethren Church, were introduced.

Communications—A communication touching the question of Sabbath observance was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Dr. Caldwell—A letter from Ernest Caldwell announcing the illness of his father, Dr. L. B. Caldwell, was read and on motion the Secretary was instructed to send him a letter of condolence.

On motion Dr. Caldwell was continued in the supernumerary relation.

Location—J. S. Jones, by his own request and on recommendation of the District Superintendent, was granted a location and to be a member of the quarterly conference at Jellico.

Introduced—D. B. Strouse, a prominent layman of Salem, Va., and Rev. D. N. McInturff, of the Congregational Methodist Church, were introduced to the conference.

Adjournment—After various announcements the conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. R. J. Cooke.

THIRD DAY.

October 9, 1908.

Devotional Services—Rev. S. G. Ketron had charge of the half hour devotional service.

Conference Opened—Promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. the Bishop took the chair and called for the reading of the journal of yesterday's session, which was read and approved.

Committees—On motion of J. J. Robinette a committee to invite the Lay Association to meet in joint session with the Annual Conference at 10 o'clock a. m. was ordered. The Bishop appointed Dr. J. J. Robinette, Dr. R. J. Cooke and J. D. Roberson as members of this committee.

On motion of F. M. Cones, G. R. Rowan and W. K. Harris were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

Thirteenth Question—The thirteenth question was resumed. J. M. Emert, District Superintendent of the Clinton District, was called and his character passed. He stated that there was nothing against any effective elder on his district and read his report.

M. H. Monroe, J. D. Roberson, R. L. Stapleton, H. M. Hawk, W. R. Byerly, L. D. Hamil, H. B. Ogle, J. T. Ware and C. D. Houchins answered to the question in regard to the disciplinary collections for their respective charges.

G. S. Bales, District Superintendent of the Greeneville District, was called and his character passed. He stated that there was nothing against any effective elder of his district and read his report.

M. N. Davenport, D. G. Pile, S. G. Ketron, A. B. McKenzie, G. W. Paul, G. W. Matney, J. J. Robinette, H. W. McKenzie and W. V. Elliott answered to the question in regard to the disciplinary collections for their respective charges.

G. T. Francisco, District Superintendent of the Knoxville District, was called and his character passed. He stated that there was nothing against any effective elder on his district and read his report, and the following elders answered to the question in regard to the disciplinary questions: W. S. Bandy, W. S. Grant, E. B. Olmstead, F. E. Ross, S. V. Lowe, W. K. Harris, D. T. Lawson, A. A. Newman and M. C. Bruner.

Without Pastoral Charges—The following effective elders without pastoral charges were called and characters passed: R. J. Cooke, J. J. Manker, J. S. Petty, G. T. Newcomb, W. W. Hooper, R. A. Simonds, E. C. Ferguson, F. M. Cones, J. A. Ruble and J. F. Spence.

Arrival of the Laymen—The members of the Layman's Association came in a body and took seats reserved for them. John A. Patten, president of the association, delivered an interesting address, which was responded to by Bishop Goodsell.

Full Connection and Orders—Patton R. Broyles and John L. Scott were called, their characters passed, and having made the required grades in the studies of the second year, and after giving satisfactory answers to the required disciplinary questions and written answers to questions in regard to debt and tobacco they were received into full connection and elected to Deacons' Orders.

The Fifth Question—“Who have been continued on trial?” The fifth question was called and the characters of J. W. May, Clarence F. Pafford and James W. Houchins were passed and they were continued on trial in the first year, the last two being left without an appointment to attend school.

The character of T. F. M. Fraker was passed, and by his own request he was discontinued, with leave to employ.

Wm. Bull, J. O. Cox, J. P. Little, C. H. Taylor and Thomas L. Klutz were continued in the studies of the second year.

Advanced—The characters of J. W. Warren, J. S. Grah, C. L. Kirby, D. R. Haney and J. E. Porter passed, and having completed the studies of the first year were advanced to the studies of the second year.

Adjournment—After the giving of various notices the conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. J. Manker.

FOURTH DAY.

October 10, 1908.

Devotions—The half hour devotional service was led by Dr. E. B. Olmstead.

Conference Opened—Promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. the Bishop took the chair and called for the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session, which was read and approved.

Resolutions—A. P. Jones presented a resolution, which, on motion of Dr. R. J. Cooke, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Introduced—Bishop Goodsell introduced Bishop Anderson, our resident Bishop, and he was received with applause.

The Twenty-second Question—“Who are the supernumerary preachers?” The following members were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the same relation: J. W. Cardwell, T. B. Russell, J. W. McGhee, L. Davis,



ROB'T. L. STAPLETON
Statistical Secretary



R. C. WEIDLER

ASSISTANTS



C. C. MORRIS



C. F. Hunter, A. H. Ingle, I. N. Pippin, R. C. Robertson, J. T. Hammond, W. H. Bolton, J. F. Perry, J. C. Harmon, M. A. Rule, J. H. Amis and Giles A. Conner.

Changed Relation—On recommendation of his District Superintendent, T. J. Crumley was changed from the supernumerary relation to the effective list.

Referred—On motion of District Supt. J. M. Emert, U. A. Foster and W. A. Suman were referred to the Board on Conference Relations.

Question Fifteen—“Who have died?” T. G. Chase, Robert Walker and G. W. Clendennen were reported as deceased.

Committee on Memoirs—A. J. Murphy, J. D. Roberson, T. S. Walker and J. J. Manker were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

The Twenty-third Question—“Who are the superannuated preachers?” T. R. West, J. N. Baker, T. W. Brown, C. C. Wyatt, J. L. Cardwell, T. A. Cass, J. A. Baker, G. W. Coleman, G. H. Thompson, P. H. Henry, Benj. Crist, S. W. Hyden, J. H. Jennings, J. N. Newton, J. B. Little, C. W. Miller, J. M. Durham, T. S. Walker, A. Y. Snavely, T. H. Hodge and A. C. Peters.

Recommendations—A. G. Cadle and J. N. Baker were recommended to the consideration of the board of stewards.

Change of Relations—On recommendation of his District Superintendent, N. C. Burkhart was changed from the superannuate relation to the effective list.

Withdrawals—G. H. Christenbury and F. P. Sanders were allowed to withdraw, provided they would return their parchments for endorsement, same to be returned to them after proper endorsement.

Funds Returned—Funds to the amount of \$30 appropriated last year to Mrs. P. H. Scarboro, a conference claimant, was turned back to the Board of Conference Stewards on account of her remarriage.

Introduced—Rev. A. P. Boyd, of the Georgia Conference, and Rev. J. T. Jones, of the Indiana Conference, were introduced.

Recommendations—Virgil C. Wright, from the Ridgedale Quarterly Conference, and Pulliam L. Clonce, from the Mor-

gan Springs Quarterly Conference, were recommended for admission on trial. Having passed the required studies, and on motion of their District Superintendent were admitted into the conference on trial.

The Thirtieth Question—“Where shall the next annual conference be held?” Morristown was placed in nomination by W. K. Harris, and there being no other nominations, the conference voted to go to Morristown.

Charter of Incorporation—J. J. Robinette reported that the committee appointed last year to secure a charter of incorporation had performed the work. The report was accepted, the committee discharged and a collection taken to cover expenses, and at the same time a deficit on the publication of conference minutes.

Fifth Question—The fifth question was again called and Thos. H. Otwell and James Osborne passed, but not having brought up the required studies were continued in the first year’s studies, and the first named left without appointment to attend school.

Advanced—W. D. Farmer and Isaac B. Leonard passed, and having completed the first year’s studies were advanced to the studies of the second year.

Third Year—W. L. Oliver, F. H. Carey, Eli R. Branam and Jas. B. Keister were passed, but not having completed the studies were continued in the third year.

Advanced—F. M. Reynolds and Carl Mahoney passed, and having completed the third year’s studies were advanced to the fourth year.

Fourth Year—Luther B. Clark, J. T. Bird, Richard E. Walker and Jasper Sage were passed, but not having brought up the required studies were continued in the fourth year.

Question Ten—“Who have completed the course of study?” Question 10 was called and A. C. Goddard and Benj. M. Morrison having completed their course of study, and after passage of their characters were elected to Elders’ Orders.

Question Twelve—“What others have been elected elders?” O. T. Uselman having met the full requirements and on recommendation of his District Superintendent, was elected to Elders’ Orders under the Seminary rule.

Effective List—The relation of Alva P. Jones was discussed and he was placed on the list of effective elders.

Referred—The case of D. N. McInturff, a member of the Congregational Methodist Church, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Introduced—John A. Patten was introduced and spoke to the conference concerning the proposed relief for the superannuates.

Bishop Anderson Takes the Chair—Bishop Goodsell invited Bishop Anderson to preside. He took the chair amid the applause of the conference.

Reports—Dr. Freeman presented a report on Deaconess Work, which was adopted.

Appointments—On motion of G. S. Bales the Bishop was requested to appoint Rev. F. M. Cones chaplain of the Indiana State Soldiers' Home at LaFayette, Ind., and Dr. J. A. Ruble chaplain of the Soldiers' Home at Johnson City.

Triers of Appeals—J. J. Robinette, E. B. Olmstead, T. W. Brown, M. H. Monroe and A. C. Peters were appointed a committee as Triers of Appeals.

Minutes—A collection to cover the cost of printing the minutes was taken, and \$140 in cash and subscription was received.

Introduced—Dr. O. S. Baketel, Field Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, was introduced to the conference and spoke in the interest of that board.

Reports—Dr. R. J. Cooke read the report of the Committee on Federation. The report was adopted by a rising vote, and the following members were named as a Commission on Federation: R. J. Cooke, J. D. Roberson, E. G. Hutchinson, E. B. Olmstead and J. S. Burnette.

Adjournment—It was moved and seconded that when we adjourn it be until 4:30 o'clock p. m. It was so ordered, and after the reading of various notices the conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Anderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing a hymn and prayer offered by Rev. T. S. Walker, Bishop Goodsell opened the conference at 4:30 p. m.

Question Eleven—Question 11 was called and Jas. W. Grace

and Chas. M. Davis having passed in their studies and being represented by their District Superintendents, were elected to Deacons' Orders as local preachers.

Virgil C. Wright and John W. Warren were elected to Deacon Orders under the Seminary and Missionary rules, respectively.

Question Twenty-one—Question 21 was called and the Elders' Orders of Thos. E. Winecoff, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized.

The request to recognize the Deacons' Orders of Jackson P. Shultz, issued by the Methodist Episcopal Church, caused considerable discussion, he having been a member for a time of what was known as the American Methodist Church, and the request was temporarily withdrawn.

The Deacons' Orders of Jas. H. Smith, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized.

The credentials of E. W. Akard, from the Free Will Baptist Church; C. C. Blair, from the Baptist Church, and O. P. Evans from the Methodist Protestant Church, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The orders of E. M. Stepp, as deacon from the Free Will Baptist Church, were recognized.

The case of W. H. Hudgens was laid over for the consideration of an executive session.

Question Three—“Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?” Thomas E. Winecroft, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Board of Education—Dr. John H. Race, President of the University of Chattanooga, was presented to the conference and spoke in the interest of the Board of Education.

Transfer and Resolutions—The Bishop announced the transfer of Dr. Luther Freeman to the St. Louis Conference. The Secretary read a set of resolutions expressing the high esteem in which Dr. Freeman is held by the conference, and wishing to him Godspeed and abundant success in his new field of labor. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote. In a few tender words Dr. Freeman expressed his appreciation for the expression shown him. (See Resolution.)

Adjournment—After giving of various notices the conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. L. Freeman.

FIFTH DAY.

October 11, 1908.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

First Methodist Episcopal Church—

9:00 a. m.—Conference love feast, conducted by Rev. Jas. A. Ruble.
 10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Bishop Goodsell.
 2:30 p. m.—Memorial service; presiding officer, T. R. West, D. D.
 3:30 p. m.—Ordination service, conducted by Bishop Goodsell.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D.

Market Street M. E. Church, South—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. E. B. Olmstead, D. D.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Roberson.

First Presbyterian—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Burton M. Martin.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. C. C. Morris.

Watauga Presbyterian—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Luther Freeman, D. D.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Miller.

Christian Church—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. John H. Race, D. D.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Mitchell.

Roan Street Baptist—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. F. Sheppard.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. D. N. McInturff.

First Baptist—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. F. E. Ross.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Boling.

United Brethren—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Marion C. Bruner.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. S. Grant.

Colored M. E. Church—

10:30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. G. W. Paul.
 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. T. D. Rowe.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to Certify, That on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1908, I ordained under election by the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church the following as

DEACONS

PATTON R. BROYLES
 JOHN L. SCOTT
 CHARLES M. DAVIS
 JAMES W. GRACE
 JOHN W. WARREN
 VIRGIL C. WRIGHT

and at the same place and time, assisted by Elders,
 the following as

ELDERS

ALVIN C. GODDARD
 BENJAMIN M. MORRISON
 O. F. USLEMAN.

D. A. GOODSELL, Presiding Bishop.

Done at Johnson City, Tennessee.

SIXTH DAY.

October 12, 1908.

Devotions, and Conference Opened—At 8 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and after devotional services opened the conference and called for the reading of Saturday's Journal, which, after some corrections, was adopted.

Executive Session—The conference went into executive session, and the case of J. P. Shultz was taken up.

Dr. J. J. Robinette presented a resolution touching the recognition of orders from churches with no legal standing.

Dr. Cooke presented a resolution answering to the legal requirements in the case. On motion both resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Conference Evangelist—On motion of J. A. Mitchell, the Bishop was requested to appoint one Conference Evangelist, and T. D. Rowe was appointed.

Committees—J. S. Burnette read the nominations for the various standing committees, which were adopted. (See list.)

J. J. Robinette moved that each committee select some one of its members to prepare reports to be ready at the beginning of the conference session.

Orders Recognized—Based on the report of the Board of Conference Relations and by vote of the conference E. W. Akard, from the Free Will Baptist Church, was recognized as a deacon, O. P. Evans, from the Protestant Methodist Church, was recognized as an elder, and C. P. Blair, from the Missionary Baptist Church, was recognized as a deacon.

The request made in the case of W. H. Hudgens was withdrawn.

It was reported by the Committee on Conference Relations that D. N. McInturff could not legally be received by the conference this session.

J. P. Shultz was restored to the church as a deacon.

Resolution—J. J. Robinette offered a resolution requesting that the District Superintendents fix the salary of the Conference Evangelist, he to raise his own salary, and whatever amount he received above his salary to be placed into the fund for superannuates. The resolution was adopted.

Superannuated—On motion of J. M. Emert, R. A. Scott was

granted a superannuate relation and recommended to the consideration of the Board of Stewards.

Supernumerary—On motion of E. G. Hutchinson, K. H. Hackler was placed in the supernumerary relation.

Without Appointment—On motion of R. B. Stansel, D. M. Ausmus was left without appointment to attend school.

Reports—In the cases of U. A. Foster and W. R. Suman the Board of Conference Relations reported that these members be granted a supernumerary relation and be requested to locate at next session of the conference.

Dr. E. B. Olmstead read report for the Deaconess Board, which was adopted.

A. J. Murphy read the report of the Committee of the Board of Education, Freedman's Aid, and Sunday Schools, which was spoken to by Dr. O. S. Baketel, and after nomination of a Conference Board on Sunday Schools the report was adopted.

J. J. Manker reported for the Committee on Advocate Journal and spoke in the interest of the paper. Bishop Goodsell also spoke in its interests.

T. J. Crumley read a resolution concerning the Beulah Orphanage Home. After the striking out of the portion setting apart a certain day for taking a collection for the institution and the substitution of the provision for a collection to be taken in each charge for the benefit of the orphanage. The report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. R. J. Cooke the property was requested to be deeded to the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion all reports not relating to finances, temperance and state of the church were to be reported to the Secretary.

Dr. T. B. Russell reported the distribution of Conference Claimants' Fund, which was adopted. (See report.)

W. F. Pitts read the Treasurer's report. He reported a surplus of \$15, which after deducting expenses for transmitting the funds, was ordered turned into the Minute Fund. Adopted.

R. L. Stapleton read the statistical report, and on motion the report was adopted.

Resolution—B. M. Martin read a resolution in regard to

meeting the expense of printing the Conference Minutes, which was adopted.

A. C. Keton presented a suit-case to E. G. Hutchinson, retiring District Superintendent of the Bristol District, as an expression of appreciation of the pastors and laymen of that district.

The report of the Committee on Resolution was read by W. K. Harris, and on motion adopted.

After reading of Minutes the Conference adjourned.



Presiding Bishop.



Secretary.

MEMOIRS.

Service in Memory of Our Honored Dead.

This impressive service was held Sunday at 3:30 p. m., Rev. T. R. West, D. D., presiding. The memoir of Robert Walker was read by J. D. Roberson, T. G. Chase by A. J. Murphy, Mrs. W. C. Daily by J. J. Manker, and G. W. Clendennen by T. S. Walker.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Robert Walker.

Robert Walker was born August 24, 1865, in Miller's Cove, now Walland, Blount County, Tennessee, and died at the home of his brother, T. J. Walker, in the city of Knoxville, Tenn., December 24, 1907. He was 43 years and 4 months old at the time of his demise. A fair proportion of his early boyhood days was spent amid inspiring outdoor scenes and the vigorous exercise of farm life. He was one of a family of eight children, five brothers and three sisters. His brothers were T. J., A. H. T., J. W. A. and J. S. Walker. His sisters, Mrs. P. P. Dupes, Mrs. Mary P. Vineyard and Mrs. Phebe Jane Waters, who had died some time before her brother. His father had also passed away, and his mother, since his death, has followed him into the Spirit World.

During his youth he was studious and never neglected an opportunity to round out his education. He was graduated from Porter's Academy, and then served several years as a teacher in Blount and Knox Counties. He also served for a period as superintendent of public instruction for Blount County, and at the same time was principal of the West View school at Knoxville. In 1897 he joined the Holston Conference at its session at Athens. He was assigned to work in the Chattanooga District and entered as a student the Theological School of Grant University, now the University of Chattanooga, where he graduated three years later.

During a part of the time he was a student in the University he was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Dayton, Tenn., where he did valuable work for the church and very greatly endeared himself to the people he served. Later he was the successful pastor of the Highland Park M. E. Church. His last pastorate was Harriman, Tenn., where he did faithful and efficient work for four years.

Brother Walker was twice married, first to Miss Gertrude Kerr, to which union were born three children. The youngest one died at 13 months of age, just one week after the death of its mother. The second marriage was to Miss Daisy Goddard. To them were born two children. The widow and four children survive.

As a preacher he was strong, clear and forceful, never failing to leave the impress of his message on the hearts of his hearers. As a friend he was true and endearing. In the home he was thoughtful and affectionately kind. In the social circle he was sunny, vivacious and pleasant, fettering all hearts to himself. He was approachable and companionable with young and old. Cheerfulness was one of the chief elements of his nature. A painful malady and the shadows of approaching death could not dim the light on his hopeful face. He had

his trials and dark days and always found his support in Him who had said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

His religion was of a deep spiritual type that ever leaned hard upon the Everlasting Arms. He shed his tears in the lone silent night of bereavement and then also tasted the powers of the good world to come. When the time came for him to cross over to the "other side," through the valley and shadow of death, he sang his pean of God-given victory. When the final moment came he uttered his last words with his usual smile of greeting, "This is death; this is death!" He was a close student, a hard worker, a consecrated man, a winner of souls, a bright example, a conqueror in death. We feel sure he has found that rest for which we all hope, where his bereaved widow and fatherless children may find him when this pilgrimage of life shall have been finished.

Rev. J. M. Emert conducted the funeral services. He was buried at Wildwood cemetery, near the old home.

J. D. ROBERSON.

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Rev. T. G. Chase.

Thomas G. Chase was born October 22, 1850, in Gordon County, Georgia. Brother Chase was twice married. First to Mrs. Osborne, and to this union were born four children, three sons and one daughter. After ten years this happy union was broken and Brother Chase was left alone with his four little children. But in the good providence of God he found one who proved to be a real mother to his children, and a congenial companion, in the person of Miss Sophia Harris. He was married to her March 21, 1881.

Brother Chase professed religion very early in life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was made a local preacher September 2, 1871, at Ellijay, Ga., Rev. James W. Lee, presiding elder. He joined the Georgia Conference and was ordained deacon October 17, 1875, at Atlanta, Ga., by Bishop Thomas Bowman. He was ordained elder October 14, 1877 at Dalton, Ga., by Bishop W. L. Harris. After serving several years successfully in the Georgia Conference he transferred to Holston Conference in 1892 and has served the following charges: Tellico Circuit, 3 years; North Athens Circuit, 1 year; Cleveland Circuit, 5 years, and was entering upon his fifth year at Kingston station when he received his first stroke of paralysis. For three years he was almost helpless, but he bore his afflictions like a Christian soldier. On retiring at night he would often say: "I may be in heaven in the morning," and on entering upon the day he would say, "I may be in heaven before night." So on Friday night, February 7, 1908, he received a second stroke of paralysis and remained in a comatose condition until 8 p. m., February 10, when God took him home. A wife and four children—Dean and Robert, of Cleveland, Tenn.; Theodore and Mrs. Emma Still, of Red Hill, Tenn., survive him.

The funeral was conducted at the First M. E. church, Cleveland,

Tenn., by the writer, assisted by the pastors and preachers of the town. A large concourse of friends filled the church to pay their last respects to one of the Lord's faithful servants, and many were in from the country where he had preached the gospel so faithfully and successfully.

Brother Chase was a success both as a preacher and a pastor. He loved the work of his Master, and felt that the greatest work any man can do in this world is to preach the gospel. While he was afflicted he did not lose his interest in the work of the Master, but seemed so anxious that our cause should prosper here. He was a member of our Ministers' Union, and though he could not take any active part yet we all felt that his presence was worth a great deal. It can truly be said of him, "His life was a living epistle, known and read of all men."

The home has lost a kind and loving father and husband, the city a noble citizen, and the conference a faithful member. Brother Chase had an earnest desire to serve fifty years in the active ministry, but the Lord was pleased to promote him after thirty-six years of active service. He will live long in the hearts of those he has helped to a higher and nobler life.

A. J. MURPHY.

Mrs. W. C. Daily.

Mrs. Daily was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George and Nancy Godbey, and was born in Floyd County, Virginia, June 1, 1826. She was married to the Rev. William Clinton Daily, November 6, 1846, and with her husband shared the toils of the itinerant Methodist ministry for a little over fifty years. They celebrated their golden wedding November 6, 1896. On the 15th of March, 1897, the happy bond of wedded life, that for more than fifty years had made their hearts and lives almost as one, was severed by her husband's death. He had spent fifty-five years in the ministry, loved and respected by all who knew him. It has been stated by those who knew that he attributed his success in the ministry in no small measure to his wife. She was of a gracious and loving disposition, cheerful and engaging in conversation, a devout Christian, a fond mother, a faithful friend and a true and helpful wife.

After the death of her husband she spent the remaining years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Callen, at Athens, Tenn., and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Daily, at Knoxville. The tender devotion of this daughter-in-law to Mother Daily, and the warmth of the latter's reciprocation, reminded one of the beautiful picture of Ruth and Naomi. Mrs. Daily was the mother of five children, Mrs. Mary E. Callen, Mrs. Nannie Carson (deceased), Wilbur F. Daily, Herbert Daily (deceased), and Mrs. C. W. Knox.

Mrs. Daily died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Callen, at Athens, Tenn., March 15, 1908. The remains were taken to Knoxville for burial. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal church, Knoxville, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. B. Olmstead, D. D., after which her mortal body was laid to rest beside her husband in Woodlawn cemetery.

J. J. MANKER.

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The Rev. Geo. W. Clendennen.

Brother Clendennen was born March 5, 1852, in Jefferson County, Tennessee, where he resided until he became connected with the Holston Conference. We do not know the dates of his conversion or marriage. He was admitted on trial at the session of Holston Conference held at Dayton, Tenn., October 9-14, 1889, presided over by Bishop I. W. Joyce, and two years later was admitted into full membership at Chattanooga, October 21-26, 1891, and ordained a deacon by Bishop Wm. X. Ninde. Two years later he was ordained an elder at Maryville, Tenn., by Bishop S. M. Merrill, October, 1893.

Bro. Clendennen labored under the disadvantage of a limited education, yet he delivered many able and eloquent sermons and received many persons into church membership on the different pastoral charges assigned to him. He was pastor of some of the best circuits in the Holston Conference. While in charge of the Jonesboro Circuit about seven years ago he had a long and severe attack of typhoid fever, from which he never fully recovered, since which time he only had one or two pastoral charges committed to his care. Then followed the superannuated relation, during which he was much of the time poised between life and death, but we know almost nothing of his spiritual condition during that time, but have heard incidentally that he said his faith in Christ was firm. But May 26, 1908, his life, and his toils and sufferings ceased, and we trust he has joined the white-robed millions on high. The Lord bless his dear ones left behind!

T. S. WALKER.

REPORTS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

J. S. Burnett, District Superintendent.

Athens District covers all the territory from the vicinity of Knoxville to Ooltewah, fifteen miles northeast of Chattanooga, and from the mountains on the east to the Tennessee river on the west. Roughly speaking, about 3,000 square miles are embraced in this district. Though we preach at 96 appointments, we do not cover all of the territory allotted to us. This is especially true of the mountains, where the work done by us is confined to two or three school house appointments and the church at Copperhill. I am not sufficiently informed to say how extensively we should plant our missions in the mountains, though I do believe we should do more than we are doing in that direction. In the valleys federation and common sense have kept us from entering many places where we have no church, still we have looked faithfully after isolated families in these communities that still cling to our church.

After all I have just said it might be thought there is no great amount of mission work for us to do, but we are now preaching at twenty places which we did not occupy at the beginning of the year, and the urgent calls and open doors before us would probably add that many more if I had men and support in sight for prosecuting the work properly.

I do not know what will be the outcome of the twenty appointments to which I refer, but they have not been disappointing so far, and I will be slow in recommending their discontinuance. Ten of these are churches that have been dropped heretofore for causes considered adequate, but conditions appear in a new light that warrant us to give the people the word again. Kiser's Chapel, on Friendsville Circuit, is a case in point. No doubt conditions favored its abandonment several years ago. So an unfinished house was left, near a little railroad station, practically untenanted until the first of this calendar year. Rev. Thos. W. Brown, the pastor, undertook to resurrect our cause there, and the results are a completed church with forty members. Changes in population being favorable to our Methodist and the zeal of a pastor that does not know the "dead-line," although he is a superannuate, are responsible for the change.

We have hardly any immigration to our district. People move farther west and others come from the east and north to fill their places. While this seriously cripples us sometimes, again, the change gives us an excellent opportunity to prosecute our work. Bethel church, six miles east of Kingston, came to us in this way. Rev. J. W. Warren found an opening for our church at this place soon after he began his year's work. For generations the population had favored a

different denomination, but recent changes had occurred, and Methodists and others who would unite with us had moved in, and Brother Warren led them in the erection of a good church and the organization of a promising class. While some of the new points taken up must be dropped, and probably several of the old ones will prove unprofitable, I have good hopes for most of each.

We have witnessed a widespread and gracious revival, and I can scarcely restrain my emotions when I report to you that 1,168 souls have found Christ at our altars and 854 have united with our church. The pastors calculate that we have a net increase of 700 members over all losses. Nearly every church has shared in this revival and the results are visible on all sides. We had valued assistance from Rev. J. A. Mitchell in one meeting, from Rev. George R. Rowan in one, from Rev. Chas. F. Hunter in three, from Rev. T. D. Rowe in two, and Rev. E. R. Branam in one. The largest number of accessions in any station is reported by Rev. A. J. Murphy, from Cleveland, where 98 have been added; and the banner circuit, in point of additions, is Decatur and Luminary, with 183. Rev. J. W. Warren is pastor.

We have intelligent interest among our laymen, as the fact that nearly fifty of them gathered, on a week day and from a large majority of our charges, to organize the District Laymen's Association. I should add that they are trying to make something serviceable of this organization, something more than merely a name.

When it comes to the financial report I must soften the note of triumph a little, much as I regret to do so, for our benevolent apportionment is not fully met on every charge. But we have reason for gratitude in the fact that every charge, with a single exception, will report an advance in salary. The most notable advance is at McCays, where the pastor, Rev. Thos. E. Winecoff, reports \$1,255 paid this year, which puts the salary far in advance of the usual payment. Decatur and Luminary Circuit also more than triples pastoral support under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Warren.

Another item for which we have a report is church building. Rev. Dr. Luther Freeman dedicated the Sarah B. Clark church at Copperhill (McCays) on July 19. The house is modern and well furnished. Bishop Anderson has just given us three days of his initial experience in the South in holding rallies and dedicating churches in this district. He began Sunday, October 4, by opening the Tellico Plains church for the worship of God. The Rev. D. R. Haney, one of our probationers, has led this enterprise to victory. Our building is well planned and cost about \$3,500. Sunday night the Bishop was at Etowah, preaching an inspiring sermon to a large audience gathered in our new church. We found it impracticable to finish this house entirely for dedication at this time.

Business depression has been felt so keenly by the railroads that our pastor, the Rev. J. W. May, and his people have done exceedingly well to make the rapid progress they have already. The building,

complete, will be worth \$4,000, and we expect it to be ready for dedication within a month.

Monday morning Bishop Anderson, Dr. Winecoff and myself went thirty miles north from Etowah and dedicated the remodeled and completed Kiser's Chapel at Meadow Station. That afternoon we proceeded to the old Quaker town of Friendsville, where the Bishop was so "moved" that both Quakers and Methodists were greatly edified. A trip of about twenty miles brought us to Maryville, where the Bishop spoke to a large audience in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Tuesday morning we went to Bethel, nearly sixty miles away, where the Bishop dedicated the church which I have referred to before. We returned to Loudon that afternoon, where our itinerary ended.

Only one parsonage has been built, but it is well located and commodious. This is on the Decatur and Luminary charge. The Tennessee Copper Company, at Copperhill, placed a cottage at the disposal of our pastor entirely free of rent.

Our people at Athens, under the leadership of Rev. B. M. Martin, have begun their church building. Feeling the importance of a good church building, where hundreds of students gather from all over the central South, our people are planning largely and giving in the same spirit of their planning; but a church at Athens is so much more than a local institution that we have undertaken far more than we would otherwise, and hope for a generous spirit toward our undertaking all over our territory. The completed building will probably cost \$25,000.

Miss Minnie Frickey, our Conference Deaconess, has given us a generous share of her time in most effective work.

I have purposely waited until you heard from our work of the year to say that we are under great obligations to my predecessor, Rev. W. C. Miller, for his six years of faithful and unselfish toil, which has borne large fruitage this year. I also wish I could properly thank these true yoke-fellows, both ministers and laymen, who have toiled with me in the Master's service. Surely they are not without reward. No District Superintendent could have had a more brotherly or willing body of ministers than I have labored with. Nor could anyone have a more cordial and hearty welcome in the homes of his people. May God bless them!

BRISTOL DISTRICT.

E. G. Hutchinson, District Superintendent.

It is with a profound sense of gratitude to the Almighty Father for His unceasing love and favor toward us during the year, and sincere thanks to both ministry and laity for their never-failing loyalty to the church and kindness to me, that I present this, my sixth report, as District Superintendent of the Bristol District.

I have gone through all kinds of weather and by all modes of travel (except through the air), and at all hours of the day and night, but I have not gone alone. "The promise"—"Lo, I am with thee alway"—like a pillar of cloud by day and a fiery pillar by night, has both

cheered and illuminated my pathway, until trials and tribulations, sorrows and sacrifices, have been cheerfully passed through, and no soul is happier than I.

This year has witnessed the greatest financial panic through which our section has ever passed. Our membership is chiefly composed of wage-earners and farmers, both classes depending largely upon the mines, shops and public industries. These all went down last November with a crash. Banks were paralyzed or stranded, mercantile firms went to the wall, thousands of wage-earners were turned out of employment with possibly not a dollar ahead. In Roanoke City alone two thousand men have been thrown out of employment; eight hundred were cut off in one day. Many of our members there have been almost without rations.

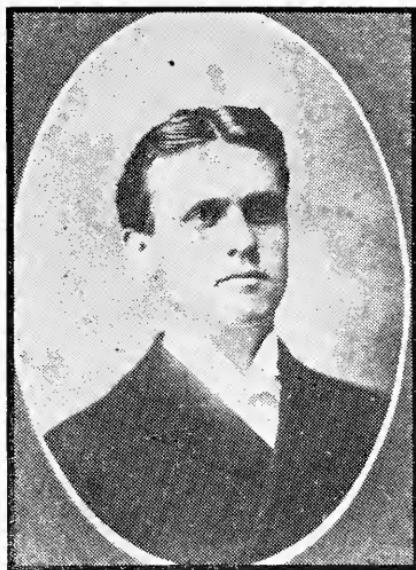
Our pastors all over the district have bravely weathered the storm, and none more heroically than our Sheppard in Roanoke. While pastors' salaries will show many deficiencies, the benevolences, I think, will make a fair showing.

The church-building spirit is not dead, and despite the financial stringency, we have dedicated five new ones this year. First, White Shoals Chapel, on the Jonesville charge, in May, and Franklins, on the Pattonsburg circuit, in June. The District Superintendent was ably assisted in both of these dedications by Rev. T. J. Crumley and others. These churches are built in the finest of farming sections of Lee and Scott Counties, and the last named especially is one of the best country churches in the district. The next to be added was Bethel, in Rye Cove, on the Dungannon charge. This church was dedicated in August by Rev. Dr. J. J. Manker, the efficient editor of the Methodist Advocate Journal.

The first Sunday in September we were called to Salem to dedicate the new church, which under the energetic directions of Mr. D. B. Strouse, as well as his almost amazing liberality, was let to contract and finished in less than ninety days. This is a beautiful church for the cost and occupies a central location on a prominent street in one of the loveliest little cities of the State. Here we did not have a single member before Prof. Strouse united with our church, but on dedication Sunday we launched an organization of more than thirty.

Salem will doubtless be formed in the list of charges next year with a stationed pastor. Here is located the Pentecostal Tabernacle, where for thirteen successive years a camp-meeting for the promotion of "Scriptural Holiness" has been held, sending its influence well nigh around the world. None but the cleanest and sanest teachers on the subject has ever found a welcome here.

Next to be dedicated was Dotson's Chapel, on the Honaker Circuit, Sunday morning, September 20. Almost acres of people greeted the District Superintendent under the cool shade of the sugar maples and upon the green turf of waving blue grass. In addition to the churches which we have dedicated is the Independent Chapel, in Christiansburg, which we have purchased, which gives us a place here to house our



O. T. USELMAN

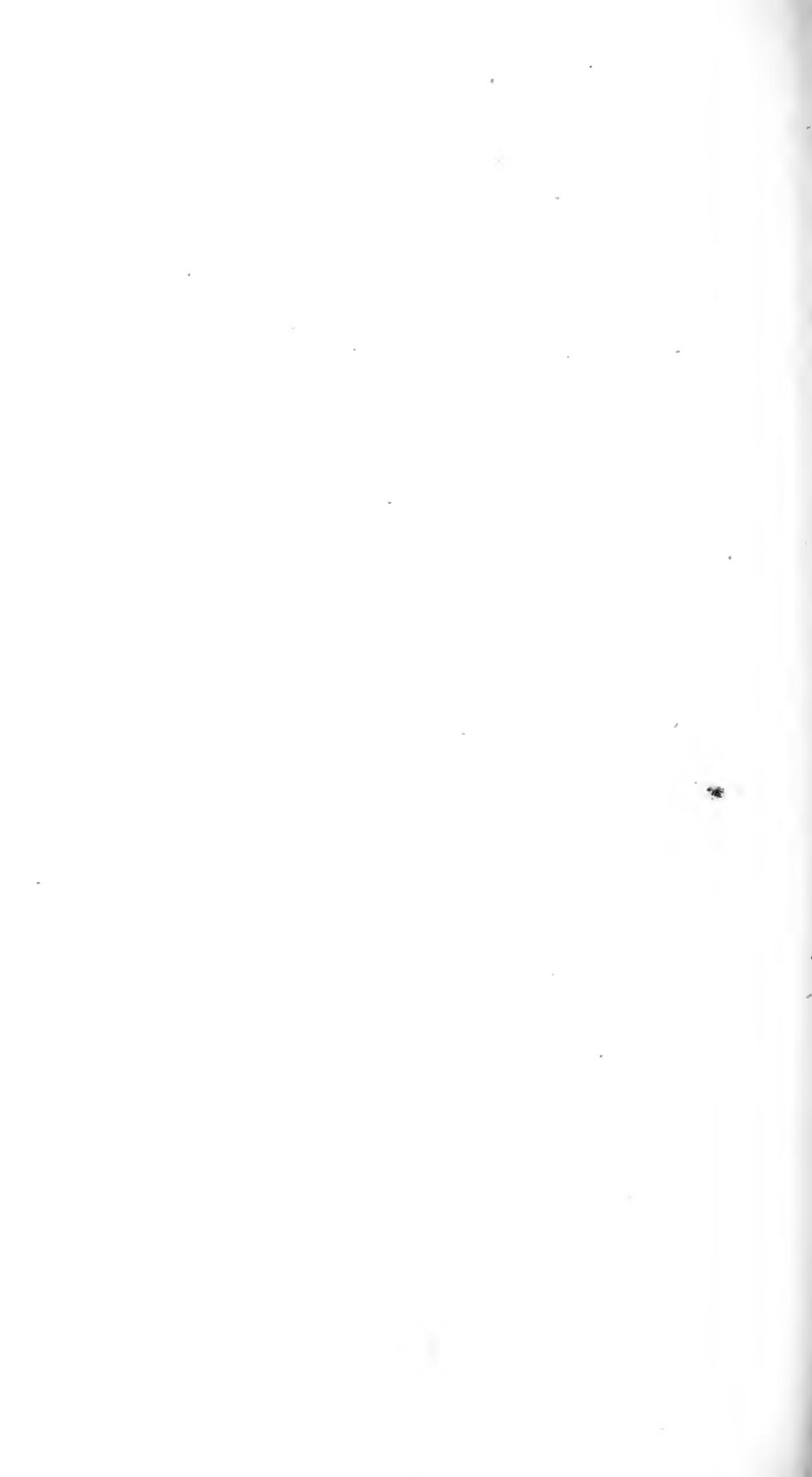


ALVIN C. GODDARD



BENJAMIN M. MORRISON

FOURTH YEAR'S CLASS ORDAINED ELDERS



growing class. The school house property adjoining our church and parsonage at Mt. Horeb, New River Circuit, was sold at the court house to the highest bidder. The man whom the Quarterly Conference appointed to bid it in for the church betrayed the church and had it deeded to himself. The District Superintendent arraigned him before the next Quarterly Conference, hoping to get him to repent and surrender up the property to the church, which body he boldly defied. When, lo, we turned to the court for redress, which court at the July session handed down a decision in favor of the church. This adds a house and lot to our parsonage property worth to us at least \$400.

In the town of Auburn and on the Auburn Circuit where we already have a nice parsonage, we are now planning a nice church building, which will be completed inside of ninety days. Other churches are being planned. At Mountain View, Pulaski County, where a church organization of more than eighty members has recently been effected, a church building has been let to contract and building is now in course of erection. This building will no doubt be completed by Christmas. In Pulaski City, where in June we organized a class of more than 100 members, we have rented a hall on one of the main streets and are now maintaining a weekly prayer meeting and a very flourishing Sunday school. Here we must either build or purchase a church building if we hope to continue the work.

Grayson Circuit being too poor to build one parsonage is now easily building two, both of which will be ready for occupancy by November. The Bishop will be asked to divide the circuit.

Wytheville Circuit is building a much needed parsonage at Mount Mitchell. The land has been deeded and the material partly on the ground. Rose Hill charge closes a deal for a house and lot near the depot for a parsonage. Every dollar has been paid in, and the deed secured.

The material and financial part is valuable, but what is it all worth if we get no souls saved. But the work of soul-saving has been our chief business the past year, as results will show. Our pastors and evangelists have preached, prayed, sang and shouted until more than two thousand souls have professed conversion, while more than a thousand have united with the church.

Beulah Orphans' Home.

This institution has come to us in a very providential way. Rev. J. L. Early, Jr., a pious and consecrated young man, seeing under his own observation helpless and homeless little ones bruised and beaten by cruel hands, barefoot and hungry, suffering and sorrowing, felt moved by the tender Father of us all to found a home. This he did. The site selected was Newbern, Pulaski County. Here, "'Mid the green fields of Virginia," with her delightful climate, products, soil, delicious fruits and Southern hospitality, Beulah Orphans' Home is founded. The property consists of three acres and four buildings, probably valued at \$3,500. Twenty-two children have been received since it was opened, only one year ago, though some of them have

been placed in Christian homes. This is the only orphanage, so far as I know, in all of our Southern work, and we hope that the Conference will make it its own institution.

Coming as we now do to the close of our sixth year on the District it is proper that we give some account of our stewardship. Our churches were valued (six years ago) at about \$40,000; they are valued now at over \$100,000. The valuation of our parsonage property has increased three-fourths. Our membership has almost doubled. While pastors' salaries have been greatly increased, the District Superintendent's salary and the benevolences have been increased almost three-fold. During these six years twenty-five new men have been licensed to preach. Ten of these have attended, or are attending, the University of Chattanooga or our school at Athens. All of these will doubtless join the Conference when they shall have finished their education.

It is with a sense of sadness that I come to say farewell. It has been a great privilege to be called to labor with such men. They are the very chosen of God, lovers of souls more than of gold; not greedy of filthy lucre, not scramblers for place or preferment. "Others go to battle, but these go to war." They have seen more truly than Constantine, the sign which conquers—"even the "cross of Jesus going on before." They are veterans in this war, nothing but death brings a discharge. With such as these I have been appointed to serve lo these six years. In the language of old John Faust, sung almost in every Methodist Conference—

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Robt. B. Stansell, District Superintendent.

In making this, my first report, as Superintendent of the Chattanooga District, to the Holston Conference, I wish to express my appreciation of the work of the former Presiding Elder, Dr. John S. Burnett. A glance at the Conference Minutes will show that the Chattanooga District has been growing for years at a most gratifying rate. The finances have advanced every year. Last year registered the highest figures ever reached on the District. Every charge was assessed almost to the limit, for the prosperous times through which we were passing.

In view of these facts and in view of the business depression at the beginning of the year it seemed unwise to attempt any financial advance on the district. We could not reasonably hope to go beyond the figures of last year. Many of our best business men in the smaller towns earnestly plead for a reduction of salaries and benevolences. For several months it seemed that this must be done. The following towns were dead during most of the year: Daisy, Soddy, Retro, Sale Creek, Graysville, Crossville, Tracy City, Daysville and Whitwell. Many of our most liberal people in these towns have been out of employment and unable to pay a dollar to the church.

These are all mining towns, and as we are ministering to more of these people than any other church in our territory, we were greatly embarrassed. Our suburban churches have suffered almost as much as these mining towns. In our nine churches covering all of Greater Chattanooga, we minister to a very large laboring constituency. Many of these people were compelled to leave the city, seeking employment or cheaper rent.

But it has been a great year. Our pastors have, to a man, shown great patience, loyalty and enthusiasm. The record of the Chattanooga district is saved and in some respects surpassed. To the pastors most credit is due. I am under obligations to members of the faculty of the University of Chattanooga, who have assisted at many places on the district. Mr. John A. Patten with his lecture, "A Summer in Europe," has gone to strategic points, giving inspiration and material aid.

One of the greatest victories of the year was at East Chattanooga, Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor. The church was finished and the parsonage enlarged and beautified at considerable cost. The church was dedicated by President John H. Race, April 26. The people gave two thousand dollars at that service. The property is conservatively estimated at ten thousand dollars.

A new church near South Dayton has been built during the year at a cost of \$1,000. It is clear of debt and is now ready for dedication. This gives us three churches in Dayton. In addition to building this church the pastor, Rev. W. C. Haltom, has had 350 conversions and a large number of accessions.

A beautiful \$1,500 chapel has been built on the Daisy Circuit. It will be ready for dedication soon. Rev. John Sanders is the pastor. Pledges to the amount of \$7,000 have been secured toward the new church in Highland Park. There are two other churches in process of erection on the district. The following churches have been thoroughly remodeled: Sale Creek, Spring City and South Pittsburg.

First Church has had a good year. Dr. Freeman, who has been the pastor for six years, has had one of the best years of his long and fruitful ministry. The condition of our great and growing university will be reported by the Committee on Education.

The Sunday school work has been emphasized with very gratifying results. At the district rally one day was given to the discussion of this phase of the work. The growth in the Sunday School and Junior League interests has been most encouraging.

The pastors have conducted their own revivals, assisted by other pastors or students from the Theological Department of our University. The results have been marvelous and have shown the evangelistic possibilities of our average pastor. There have been over 1,300 conversions and more than 700 additions to church membership. Several hundred people have gone from our revivals into other churches, and there will be many additions yet to our own church.

The benevolences have been met in full, and the regular benev-

olences are in advance of last year. The salaries have been paid and are more than \$1,000 in advance. For the victories I thank God; for the mistakes I crave His pardoning grace.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

J. M. Emert, District Superintendent.

After another year of toil and endurance I come to present my report to this conference. Through the mercies of Almighty God the lives of all the pastors on the district have been preserved. October 30, immediately after the session of the annual conference, F. M. Reynolds, who was assigned by Bishop Wilson to the Maynardsville Circuit, resigned. The charge was supplied by Rev. W. J. Letsinger, a local preacher, who has done excellent work.

The Rev. W. R. Suman, who was transferred at the last session of the Holston Conference from the Des Moines Conference, was appointed to the LaFollette charge. He remained on the work only about three months when he resigned. Rev. J. C. Harmon, a supernumerary of this conference, was then assigned to the work. He served the charge until about the 16th of August, when he tendered his resignation and removed with his family to Oklahoma.

Following the removal of Bro. Harmon from the charge Rev. Christian Menzler, a student in the Theological Department of the University of Chattanooga, was given the work and served the remainder of the year. Bro. Menzler made a most excellent record while in charge of the appointment, and through his influence a far-reaching revival service was conducted.

Rev. J. S. Jones, at his own request, was assigned by Bishop Wilson to the Clearfield Mission, a territory along the Southern Railway, between Jellico and Fonde. No church organizations have been consummated by Bro. Jones during the year. He has, however, preached to the people at some of the appointments, but will not have any report to submit to this conference.

Rev. Robert Walker, conference evangelist, after a lingering illness of several months, died at the home of his brother in Knoxville, December 24, 1907. Bro. Walker was one of the most faithful pastors and ministers of the Holston Conference, and the successes which he attained need no comment before this body. His record speaks for itself.

The financial stringency which has been felt more or less over the whole nation has greatly affected the work of the church in the district, and on many of the charges mines, factories, mills and work shops have been standing idle. The church at Mingo, a mining camp, which paid the pastor last year \$750 and \$75 on benevolences, has lost many of its members because of the fact that they have removed to other localities seeking employment. Only six members of this charge are reported by the pastor as still living at Mingo.

The estimates for pastors' salaries at the beginning of the conference year were \$1,600 in advance of the last year. Had times continued as they were I think we would have been able to pay every dollar promised. In a few instances, however, the quarterly conferences and pastors have re-fixed the assessments, and some generous aid coming from the outside, will enable every pastor to receive his salary in full. The benevolent collections are in advance of any preceding year. Notwithstanding, we have come through all these disappointments we do not make our report to this conference as a pessimist, but on the contrary, we are extremely optimistic.

One of the most difficult problems that confront us today is how to enlist and interest our young people in the rural fields. Sunday Schools are maintained at nearly every appointment, but comparatively few of them are organized into missionary societies as required by the Discipline. The Epworth League, too, is neglected on many rural charges where there are enough young people belonging to the church and congregation to organize and sustain a flourishing chapter.

The pastor that neglects the Children's Day exercises, missionary and Epworth League entertainments is losing many dollars that might be given to these worthy causes, not to mention the untold benefits that would result in the education of the children by engaging in these services.

During the year we have finished and dedicated four new churches. One is at Willow Spring, on the Well Spring Circuit. At Liberty, on the same circuit, we dedicated another excellent church building July 19. These two churches are worth \$2,500. A new church has been erected at Mt. Pleasant, on the Jacksoboro Circuit, valued at \$1,000. We dedicated this church June 14. June 28 we dedicated the new church, worth \$800, at Twinville, on the Andersonville Circuit. The new church edifice at Meadowview, on the same circuit, is now nearing completion and we hope to have it dedicated within the next month. This church is costing about \$1,500.

Oakdale, situated on the C. N. O. & T. P. Railway, is a strategic point for our Methodism at this time. We have a small but determined class at this place that feel that they must have a church building. The little class at Oakdale have purchased the ground and have laid a good stone foundation, have the frame up and storm-sheeted. The few members have contributed liberally, but they must have outside aid if they succeed.

The official members of the Rutledge Circuit have purchased three acres of land and a good six-room house for a parsonage. This property, when improved, will be worth \$1,200. The parsonage on the Scarboro Circuit has been enlarged and improved this year until they now have a comfortable home for their pastor.

The A. B. Wright Institute, located at Burrville, continues to prosper under the management of its president, Rev. M. H. Monroe. The present enrollment is 100, with prospects of a good increase later in the season. The aid rendered this institution by the Holston Conference at its last session, from the sale of the Powell's Valley Seminary

property, has enabled the trustees of the school to finish all the rooms in the main building.

Two things I desire to mention that must be accomplished in the Clinton District before we win this territory for Christ: First, a deeper interest in education must be aroused. Our people must be educated. Secondly. Our Methodist homes must be better supplied with Methodist literature. The value of the church paper or a good book in a home cannot be overestimated. We must get back to the old and almost abandoned custom of distributing good books and papers in the homes of the people we serve. A Methodist home without a Methodist Discipline and a church paper is not calculated to train the children to be good Methodists.

The spiritual condition of the district is encouraging. Soul-stirring revivals have been conducted on nearly every charge. Prayer meetings have been maintained and the old-time fire is yet burning upon the altar. During the year there have been 76 revivals conducted, resulting in 938 professions and 457 accessions to the church.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to conduct every quarterly conference in the district during the year in person and also one district conference. All the pastors and laity have heartily co-operated with me, and to them belongs the credit for the good that has been accomplished. To all these I am grateful, and to Almighty God I give thanks for His mercy and blessings. No district offers greater opportunities. No people under like circumstances are truer to the cause for which they stand. May the coming year bring greater blessings to their lives, and may more souls be born into the kingdom of God!

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. S. Bales, District Superintendent.

Under the good providence of Almighty God, our Father, I am permitted to submit to you this, my third annual report. Organically the district is this year composed of sixteen pastoral charges, two of which are stations, 2 half stations, twelve circuits, eighteen traveling preachers, twenty-four local preachers, twenty exhorters, about 6,000 official and private members of the church. Geographically the district embraces possibly the largest area of any district in the conference except the Bristol district. The Greeneville District stands first in the conference in number of church edifices and second only to the Knoxville District in number of members.

Pastoral Service.

To say that the pastors have done faithful work throughout the entire year is to put it too mildly, for it is due to say they have been heroically faithful. With only one exception the pastors have remained at the front during the year. The exception was Bro. G. R. Rowan, who was appointed to the Rogersville and White Horn charge, and who at the end of a successful six months' pastorate had to surrender his charge on account of his failing health. This was a sore trial to Bro. Rowan as well as his charge, for he was loved by his

flock. Fortunately I was able to secure Bro. J. L. A. Bumgarner, who had just resigned his position as principal of the Oakland Seminary. Bro. Bumgarner took up and carried on the plans of the year to a successful consummation.

The pastors and laymen in the main have been loyal and had a disposition to carry into execution the demands of the connection and management of the district and to such an extent that it can truly be said that we have practically been a unit in plan, purpose and achievement for the church. Spiritually the district, we think, is in good condition. It could be far worse. We have had many glorious revivals. The pastors turned evangelistic during the year and have witnessed the quickening and conversion of many souls. We have had but little outside evangelistic help. Rev. L. H. Baker, of the North Ohio Conference, assisted in two revivals on the district during the year. At Johnson City he assisted the pastor, Dr. Robinette, in a good revival. There were several converts and additions.

Bro. Baker also conducted our annual district camp meeting at Sulphur Springs camp ground. This was a great and glorious occasion spiritually and socially. The pastors of the district were present and also many of the laymen, taking part and receiving part of this refreshing from the presence of the Lord. He sang and preached the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ until many were quickened into new faith and life. Sinners were converted and believers witnessed to a pure heart by faith in Christ. In brief, this meeting in a representative way, influenced and toned up the whole district spiritually and will be long felt for good.

The Fall Branch, Greeneville, Parrottsville, Jonesboro, and possibly some other circuits, should be mentioned as those which have witnessed gracious revivals under the leadership of the worthy pastors. Some of the results of the spiritual work are as follows: There have been about 900 conversions, 500 additions, 300 baptized, many back-sliders reclaimed, and Christians quickened into new hope and faith.

Financially the records will show the district to have made comparatively a good record this year, notwithstanding the money panic which in some places has tried some of our people sorely. But after all they have tried to hold up the standard of support and have really done it well, for I am glad to report that all the benevolences and every pastor's salary is met in full, with conference claimants, episcopal fund and general conference expenses, with three exceptions—an increase in benevolences of \$200 and pastors' salary about \$800. We have also paid many thousands more on church buildings and improvements than last year. But all this has not been done without much planning and heroic effort on the part of the laymen and pastors.

We have raised in cash and good subscriptions on the Methodist Advocate Journal fund this year about \$500. This, with what had been raised the year before, results in about \$750, or three-fourths of our apportionment, which was \$1,000. All but three charges have responded to this appeal, and when these respond we will be able to report the amount in full.

In church erection and improvement the district has by far exceeded its former records. Five new churches are now under way of construction, some of which are nearing completion. They are located as follows: One at Russell's Cross Roads, on Parrottsville Circuit, cost \$1,250; one on Johnson City Circuit, at Limestone Cove, at a cost of \$1,500; one on Mountain City Circuit, at Bethel, at a cost of \$1,200; one at Maple Grove, on the Jonesboro Circuit, at a cost of \$1,250. At this place an entirely new society has been received this year. It is already one of the strongest societies on the circuit. Bro. Walker, the pastor, deserves much credit for his wisdom and tact in building up such a strong and prosperous society in so few months and literally inaugurating a new era of things spiritually. A new and commodious church building will soon be completed on a commanding site.

At Clear Springs Academy, on the Chuckey Circuit, we are organizing another strong society. A new church is also under way of erection, which when completed will be valued at about \$2,000, including lot. We have taken up another new appointment recently at Mosheim, on the Southern Railway, at which place the people are anxious to organize and build, and will soon, I think. We are not only trying to hold and develop what we have, but are moving into new centers where other churches are not or where they are failing to conserve the cause of the Master.

The great and pressing need of this field is more money from our Home Missionary Society or some source that we might be able to supplement the salaries and place strong men on these mission outposts. The new C. C. & O. Railroad, which is just being completed, passes through the district, crossing the Southern in Johnson City at right angles. Along this road will spring up new towns and cities almost in a day. At Erwin, Fordtown and Kingsport already new possibilities for our church are beginning to develop. We really need \$1,000 to \$1,500 missionary money for these extensions of our church.

We have builded and improved church property this year to the amount of \$21,000, just double the amount of last year. This commodious edifice in which we are now assembled was completed in January and dedicated by Bishop Earl Cranston. This property, including lot, is valued at \$35,000. About \$18,000 of this amount has been provided for this year by this heroic congregation. Dr. Robinette, with his splendid official board and congregation, are to be congratulated upon the achievement. The church property of the district is now valued at \$132,000; including parsonage property, \$145,000; including parsonage and school property, \$170,000. Ten years ago the church property was valued at \$73,630. So that within this time the valuation has doubled.

There are three church schools in the bounds of the district, located respectively as follows: At Chuckey, Baileyton and Parrottsville. These schools, notwithstanding their meagre equipments, are doing a good work in their respective localities. They are furnishing the Uni-

versity of Chattanooga from year to year with bright young men and women, well prepared for the higher training. The management of these schools is splendid under the leadership of their principals.

In the line of new work, at the beginning of the year the laymen and preachers met, organized and launched a District Laymen's Association, the first in the conference, and so far as we are able to know, the first in the connection. We felt a little more justified when a little later the General Conference approved of this kind of work by organizing the Laymen's Association of the M. E. Church. The district organization has been a great help this year in working up the laymen of the charge to a sense of their duty. They are unifying the interests of the various charges and securing the help of those who have hitherto been delinquent and dormant in church work.

As to my own personal service, I am glad to report that I have been blessed with the physical ability and disposition to put in every day of the year either on the field or at my desk. I have not had a week's vacation this year. I have held all my quarterly conferences in person this year, have preached on an average three times per week, have tried to prepare at least one new sermon each week, have read several new books and hundreds of pages of periodicals and papers; have had charge of one District Conference and one camp meeting; have done a considerable amount of correspondence; have traveled some thousands of miles; have enjoyed the love and grace of God more in my heart and been happier than any year of my life. To the Lord be the praise and the glory!

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

G. T. Francisco, District Superintendent.

This, in the main, has been a hard year for the Knoxville District, especially in a financial sense, made so on account of the money stringency coming at a time when we had so many church enterprises under way of erection. But, regardless of all this, we have been able to raise more money for ministerial support than we did last year. The panic did us more injury in the city and towns than it did in the country districts. In the city many were thrown out of employment, making it difficult to pay assessments.

All of the churches being built last year have been completed and dedicated. Shortly after the session of our last conference the church at Lonsdale was reopened, Dr. Olmstead, of the First Church, preaching the sermon, after which a collection, amounting in cash and subscriptions, to \$1,120, was taken. We now have in this growing suburb a good, well equipped church building.

On the fourth Sunday of last February the Second Methodist Episcopal Church, of Knoxville, formerly known as the Asylum Avenue Church, was dedicated by Drs. Race and Bovard, of the University of Chattanooga. This was the greatest day for this church that its membership ever saw. They now worship in a building that would be a credit to our Methodism anywhere. On the day of dedication Dr.

Race raised \$3,600 in cash and subscriptions. But few churches in the conference have brighter prospects of a healthy, steady growth than the Second Methodist Episcopal Church.

After weeks of careful and faithful preparation on the part of pastor and people, Trinity was formally dedicated on the fifth Sunday in March last by Bishop Luther B. Wilson. Mr. Joseph W. Powell, of New York, raised the sum of \$23,000 in cash and subscriptions.

We have a splendid church building at Sevierville nearing completion, which, when finished, will cost \$7,000. This building is a brick structure, and will be ready for dedication some time in the early part of the coming year.

In the bounds of the Little River Circuit a new church, Ragan's Chapel, is now ready for dedication. The cost will be \$1,200.

The pastors of the churches mentioned have managed well these splendid enterprises and deserve more praise than we have time and space to give them. Improvements have been made to the amount of several hundred dollars on church buildings and parsonages. A new class has been organized at Inskip by Dr. I. A. Pierce. They have succeeded in paying for a large and valuable lot, on which they hope to erect a building in the near future.

We have had some very gracious meetings, resulting in hundreds of conversions and additions to the church. The most of the charges have had special revival services. The pastors of our twenty-three charges have done faithful work, notwithstanding the fact that some have been hindered in the work on account of sickness. Brother Harris, our pastor at Morristown, has passed through a three months' siege of typhoid fever, not being able to fill his pulpit in that length of time. Brother W. L. Oliver, our pastor at South Knoxville, has had serious illness in his home for several months, his wife and little daughter both being sick, but are now regaining health.

The Knoxville District is well manned and organized. We have a District Laymen's Association, doing good work; a live District League organization, also a City League Union, composed of all the Leagues of the city and suburbs, eight in number. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies are both doing a good work in the district. We have had with us in the district a part of the time the well known field worker, representing the Home Mission Society, Miss Minnie Frickey, also Miss Anna Gallimore, of the Foreign Society, who have both done good work.

Located at Sevierville, Tenn., is the only church school of our denomination in the district. The enrollment last year was the largest in its history. This school is under the direct management of Prof. E. F. Goddard, president. The work done at Murphy College is known and recognized as first class.

We presided over one District Conference, held at New Salem, August 6-9. We had a good attendance, good reports and good preaching, all going toward making a splendid conference. Have held all of my Quarterly Conferences in person except two.

We have not lost interest in the Methodist Advocate Journal, nor have we lost hope of securing the apportionment for the Knoxville District. We have about \$2,000 subscribed. Taking everything into consideration, we have had a splendid year.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS TO DISTRICTS AND CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 1908-9.

Athens District.

Cleveland Circuit, East	\$ 50.00
Cleveland Circuit, North	40.00
Cleveland Circuit, South	25.00
Englewood	64.00
Etowah	50.00
Lenoir City and Circuit	60.00
North Athens	54.00
Tellico Plains Circuit	75.00
 Total	 \$ 418.00

Bristol District.

To the District	\$100.00
Benham	40.00
Crane's Nest	40.00
Dungannon	50.00
Gate City	40.00
Greendale	20.00
Hilton	40.00
Keokee	40.00
Pattonsville	40.00
Pennington and Big Stone Gap	55.00
Russell	40.00
Wise and Coeburn	80.00
 Total	 \$585.00

Chattanooga District.

Crossville	\$ 75.00
Pikeville	40.00
Litton	40.00
Tracy City	40.00
Rockwood Circuit	40.00
Epworth	40.00
Spring City and Spivey	40.00
Morgan Springs	50.00
Manker Memorial	60.00
Fairmount	50.00
 Total	 \$475.00

Clinton District.

Kingston	\$ 75.00
LaFollette	100.00
Newcomb	50.00
Oliver Springs	40.00
Rutledge	37.00
Scarboro	50.00
 Total	 \$352.00

Greeneville District.

Unicoi Circuit	\$ 40.00
Elizabethhton and Butler	50.00
Rogersville and White Horn	80.00
Roan Mountain Circuit	80.00
Watauga Circuit	25.00
Surgoinsville	50.00
Total	\$325.00

Knoxville District.

East Main	\$100.00
Oakwood	80.00
Lonsdale	150.00
Dandridge	25.00
South Knoxville	50.00
Total	\$405.00

Roanoke District.

To the District	\$100.00
Auburn	40.00
Christiansburg	65.00
Fries	40.00
Franklin	40.00
Glenford	40.00
Grayson	40.00
Honaker	40.00
Lafayette	50.00
Marion	40.00
Pulaski	40.00
Roanoke	100.00
Salem	35.00
Sword's Creek	40.00
Tazewell	40.00
Wytheville Circuit	40.00
Total	\$790.00

DEACONESS' BOARD.

The Conference Deaconess' Board has renewed the licenses of the following named Deaconesses on recommendation of the Quarterly Conferences of the churches with which they are connected: Miss Rhoda E. Sigler, Miss Minnie Frickey and Miss Rosa Santee. The Board recommends the approval of these Deaconesses by the Annual Conference.

E. B. OLMSTEAD.
B. M. MARTIN.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, have faithfully examined all the District Superintendents' accounts, and find them correct.

G. W. PAUL, Chairman.
T. J. CRUMLEY.
M. C. BRUNER.
R. H. CONNER, Secretary

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, the Committee to whom was referred this work, beg leave to report as follows: We heartily endorse the work of the Board of Foreign Missions and urge prompt collections for the same, preceded by intelligent instructions; and insist that the moneys be promptly remitted to the Board.

JOHN SANDERS.
W. S. BANDY.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension report as follows: We rejoice in the prosperity of this new organization and are profoundly thankful to Almighty God for its most splendid achievements, and pledge ourselves to hearty co-operation. We are pleased to have had with us the Rev. Thos. C. Iliff, D. D., field secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and have been helped and enlightened by his masterly address to the Conference and by his pleasing and enthusiastic manner in the presentation of the interests of the Board during his stay among us. We believe that the Holston Conference will do her part in the raising of the \$1,100,000 for Home Missions and Church Extension and in the additional \$150,000 for needs and emergencies created by the great earthquake in San Francisco and vicinity.

THOS. D. ROWE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREEDMEN'S AID AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**The Board of Education.**

The General Conference of 1908 ordered the dissolution of the consolidated societies known as "The Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools" and instructed the proper authorities to take out a charter, amended under the laws of the State of New York, providing for the restoration of the Board of Education. To this Board was to be committed the work done by the Board of Education prior to the consolidation; the maintenance and administration of the schools for persons of the white race in the South, originally cared for by the Freedmen's Aid Society; the work of assisting and maintaining institutions of Christian learning and of promoting the cause of Christian education in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Board as now constituted consists of thirty-six members, one-half of whom must be laymen, three of whom must be Bishops, and one of whom must be resident in each of the General Conference districts.

The work of student aid was an outgrowth of the celebration of the centennial of American Methodism in 1866, and in its present form began in 1873, since which time nearly 17,000 students have been aided in their preparation for life's best work. During the year closing June, 1908, 2,082 students were aided. The aid is no longer confined to those who are candidates for the ministry or for missionary work. Any worthy young Methodist, preparing for a useful career, is eligible if he be enrolled in one of our Methodist institutions and comes properly recommended by his home church and by the faculty of the college.

Some educational societies furnish this assistance in the form of outright gifts. The experience of our Board shows that aid furnished in the form of loans better preserves the spirit of manly and Christian independence in our young people. Beneficiaries are required to pay back at least \$5 per year from the date of their final graduation, and if they return the entire amount borrowed within five years no charge is made for interest. The Children's Day collection, taken in all our Sunday Schools on the second Sunday in June, is devoted exclusively to this work. As the fund is much smaller than the ever-growing needs we urge all our pastors to give earnest heed to this collection, to see that it is as large as possible, and to forward it promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The Board further needs the earnest co-operation of all our college authorities and of our pastors in securing the changing addresses of these beneficiaries and in the collection of these loans. Young people should be made to feel that such a loan imposes a solemn obligation, that the conditions should accordingly be faithfully complied with, that the loan should be honestly and promptly repaid, and the Corresponding Secretary should have our hearty support in this work. The church has received large returns from this investment. Many men and women who are leading the Christian forces in all lands were helped to their preparation for life's work by this fund. The list includes Bishops, General Conference officers, as well as numbers of our most conspicuous pastors and laymen.

The new trust committed to this Board in the form of schools for white people in the South entitles it to increased attention on the part of this Conference. The special collection asked for this purpose should be taken at the earliest possible moment and forwarded to the Secretary in New York. It is the purpose of the Board to supply this need, in part at least, from the proceeds of the **collection taken in the churches on Children's Day**. The Student Loan Fund is derived from the collection taken in the Sunday School or in services held under the auspices of the Sunday School, but the collection taken in the church congregation on the same day is for the aid of our Southern schools. We urge all our pastors to make this plain to our people and to be specific in their designation of the amount of money intended for each purpose when they send it to New York.

It was the thought of the committee which prepared the report adopted by the General Conference that the amended charter and the recent General Conference action should make the Board of Education a more vital factor in our educational work. Its membership includes some of the most conspicuous men in the church, among them three former General Secretaries of the Board. It is hoped that these men may greatly assist in the unification of our educational system, in laying the great needs of our institutions of higher learning upon the heart and conscience of the church, in the inspiration of our youth, and in various other ways. We commend this cause and this board to

all our people as worthy of the most careful study and of the most sympathetic consideration.

Freedmen's Aid.

If the race problem is ever solved it is to be solved by Christianizing and educating the negro. We feel that the Freedmen's Aid Society is doing a great work in this direction, not only making the negro a more intelligent citizen, but teaching him how to be useful as a laborer, using his natural abilities in the service of humanity. Our church has from its beginning taken him up in his helpless condition and thus far has accomplished a great work; and for this reason we pledge our continued support to this worthy society.

Sunday Schools.

Acting in accord with the Board of Sunday Schools appointed by the last General Conference we present the following names to constitute a Conference Board of Sunday Schools: B. M. Martin, T. H. Conner, R. C. Weidler, J. W. Boling, W. D. Farmer, John A. Hicks, John V. Pierce, Frank Biddle, E. A. Long, R. B. Baird.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Oakland Seminary—J. C. Self, A. B., Principal.

Oakland Seminary occupies a position in Methodism that is vitally important. This institution is located at Baileyton, Tenn., fifteen miles from the railroad. Its field is broad and does not overlap that of any other school of like character. It affords an opportunity to the country boy and girl that no other school can offer to this section of Methodism. For year after year this school has been reaching out after the sturdy young man and woman on the farm, and many of our citizens who are now prominent in business and professions doubtless would be now living in an humble mountain cabin were it not for the advantage of this school. No other school of like grade has turned out a greater number of useful men and women, considering the time of its activity. The present year opens with a larger number of students than usual and it is commonly noted that more interest is manifested among the student-body than ever before.

The Board of Trustees, ever loyal to the cause of education and Methodism, are putting forth a greater effort to insure a successful school than has been done in the history of the institution. They have secured a competent faculty, who are endeavoring to make this the banner year of this school. The property and grounds represent a money value of about \$12,000.

Wesleyan Academy—Samuel H. Thompson, B. S., Principal; Rev. F. M. Cones, Ph. D., Associate Principal.

During the past academic year this institution has enjoyed an increased encouraging degree of success. Since the opening of the present school year many new students have entered and others will be enrolled in the near future. The present enrollment is 182, unprecedented in the history of the school. Judging from the present outlook

it is confidently believed that this year's enrollment will go far beyond 200. Every room but one in Fisher Hall, occupied by young lady students, is at the present occupied. The capacity of this building is now such that it will accommodate more students than it did last year. There are six teachers, whose work is not to be questioned as to ability. More and more it becomes evident that a hall for the use of young men should be erected, and every year's commencement exercises demonstrates our need of a suitable auditorium. Associate Principal Cones has exemplified his usual activity in securing material aid for the various departments of the school. This academy has most excellent facilities for vocal and instrumental music, one building being given to that object entirely. Miss Elma L. Rankin, a young lady of unusual ability, has this special work in charge. Principal Thompson in faithful, earnest work, continues to show himself efficient as principal of this prosperous and growing academic school.

A. B. Wright Institute.

We report that the school building is finished at a cost of \$1,115, free of debt. The property is worth \$6,000. We have paid insurance policy of \$3,300 for five years. This is the best school property in a radius of fifty miles, is centrally located in a healthful climate. Notwithstanding the fact that some thirty families were afflicted with measles during our Spring term, we have enrolled 167 students during the school year. Our greatest need is a good boarding hall, so our trustees have decided to raise funds and build a hall, to cost \$10,000. Rev. J. M. Emert and Rev. J. A. Mitchell were elected financial agents and Rev. M. H. Monroe was elected business manager. These men were authorized to raise funds for the erection of a building of fifty rooms for boarding hall and orphanage.

Murphy College—E. F. Goddard, President.

We are entering upon the best year in our history. Our enrollment is 18 per cent. in excess of same date last year. The work of Murphy College is not confined to Sevier County alone, for we have more than 120 persons teaching in the county and surrounding territory. The people of our church have given us the old church at Sevierville, which will be fitted up into two large rooms for the spring term, thus giving us a suitable laboratory room for chemistry and physics. We are in need of aid to equip this laboratory, and persons desiring to aid in this work may have the opportunity by conferring with Bro. R. H. Andes, secretary board of trustees. Murphy College aids many poor boys and girls of the mountains who would not receive spiritual and intellectual training if the school did not exist. Our work is of a high order and our students are admitted without examination to the University of Chattanooga and other high grade institutions.

University of Chattanooga.

The University of Chattanooga, as our central educational institution of higher grade, merits our enthusiastic support. We rejoice in the fine progress that the university is making in its departments,

both at Athens and Chattanooga. Many of the members of Holston Conference have been students of this growing institution, and all of us are vitally interested in its welfare. Your committee earnestly recommends that all our pastors, as the representatives of the university, shall earnestly strive to direct our young people to these halls of learning; and, furthermore, we urge that careful attention be given to the annual educational day in all our charges and that the public collection be sent to the treasurer of the University.

A. J. MURPHY.
F. M. REYNOLDS.
W. S. BANDY.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We wish to call the attention of all our pastors and brethren to the work of the American Bible Society, as the John the Baptist—the forerunner of much of our foreign and home missionary work. Only eternity will reveal what this Society has done in spreading scriptural holiness over our lands. We ask our people everywhere to continue to support the worthy cause.

A. M. ROSE.
M. H. MONROE.

DEACONESS WORK.

Methodism, in attempting to carry out the Christian program, studies adaptation. One result of this sane attitude has been the deaconess movement. By this method a door has been opened for devoted womanhood to effectually co-operate in aggressive service for the Christ. Only two deaconesses are at present at work within the bounds of our Conference—Miss Rosa E. Santee, in Chattanooga, and Miss Minnie Frickey, as Conference worker everywhere. Both of these consecrated women are giving full proof of their divine call to this phase of Christian work. Miss Frickey has gone where she seemed most needed, always commanding herself to those with whom she works.

A number of young women have gone from our conference to Washington for training. We ought to send more and, when they have completed the course, we ought to arrange to employ them here where this kind of work is so needed. We urge every pastor to inform the people of each congregation of the need of trained workers and the advantages presented by our training schools. Miss Rhoda E. Sigler was for fourteen years connected with our First Church, Knoxville, still retaining her membership there, but is at present doing deaconess work in Cleveland, Ohio.

LUTHER FREEMAN, For the Committee.

THE ADVOCATE JOURNAL.

Literary, professional and economic publications are multiplying. The dailies and weeklies devoted to news, politics, fashion and sport, are appealing to the people as never before. Their advertising space is valuable in proportion to their circulation. For the sake of a large

list of subscribers, with its immense cash advertising value, they can afford to make their subscription price merely nominal. And this they do. Many of our people are so caught and carried away with these secular publications that they forget or neglect their church papers. As Dr. Jennings stated in his address to this conference, our great official Advocates without exception are holding their own with the greatest difficulty, if at all.

Under these circumstances it is gratifying to us that our church paper, the Advocate Journal, has during the last quadrennium not only held its own, but largely increased its list. But we record our conviction that we ought to do far more and better. We owe it to the paper because of the service it renders. And we owe it to the people and to the church of our choice and love, because the church and the people need this helpful ministry. The paper cannot live on its present circulation and at its present price. And we cannot hope to see our people the intelligent and devoted, the loyal and liberal Methodists they ought to be without the regular reading of our church paper.

It is of the very first importance that the Advocate Journal fund be completed without delay, for without the completion of that fund we shall record a humiliating failure, and we will also be in imminent danger of losing our church paper altogether. We therefore submit the following resolutions:

First—That every pastor be instructed to set a day to be observed at each appointment on his charge as Advocate Journal day; and on that occasion deliver a sermon or address on the need and benefit of religious literature in the home; and then follow it by an appeal and a systematic canvass for subscriptions for the Advocate Journal. And we recommend that in this canvass the laymen and the good women be called upon to assist. This Advocate Journal day should be observed as soon as possible, and certainly not later than in October and November.

Second—We recommend that the district superintendents and the pastors, with the co-operation of the laymen, give early and earnest attention to the collection of the Advocate Journal fund, in order that this great undertaking may be brought to a speedy and successful completion.

W. C. MILLER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We most heartily indorse the report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition to the last General Conference in Baltimore, which is as follows:

"We recognize that the church as an ecclesiastical body may not properly go into partisan politics nor assume to control the franchise of the citizen, yet we maintain that the time has come when the responsibility rests upon every Christian voter not only to oppose the saloon as a matter of abstract principle, but to cast his ballot in the manner which will be most effective against the saloon, and tend soonest to put the liquor traffic in 'the course of ultimate extinction.'

"We record our deliberate judgment that no candidate for any office which in any way may have to do with the liquor traffic has a right to expect, nor ought to receive, the support of Christian men, so long as he stands committed to the liquor interest or refuses to put himself in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon.

"We also most heartily indorse the action taken by one of our leading Northern conferences, which is expressed in the following words: 'We are gratified at the position taken by the chief executive of our country, by the governors of many States, and by not a few magistrates, upon questions touching morals and civic righteousness. We deplore the fact that there are still in positions of power men who exercise the influence of their great office in behalf of those interests which obstruct the forces of righteousness. Notably among those whose power has been used to protect evil and defeat the good is the present speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States. We charge that under the plea of 'unconstitutionality' he is responsible for the holding up of the Littlefield bill, in defiance of the best moral sentiment of the nation, and in disregard of the petitions of moral and religious organizations, and opinions of jurists of equal eminence with himself. We declare in harmony with the deliverance of our General Conference, that such legislative doubts should be 'resolved in the interests of righteousness,' and we join the Board of Bishops of our church in the declaration that such men should no longer receive the support of men who are governed by moral and Christian principles. We believe that righteousness would be better served if he were not re-elected either as speaker of the House or as representative of the district.'

Further, in order to promote and secure as far as is possible state wide and national prohibition and temperance legislation we pledge our moral and active support to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League within the territory of the Holston Conference.

WM. F. PITTS, Chairman.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The name "Methodist," first applied to John Wesley and his followers as a term of reproach, we rejoice in it as a title of honor, but we fear we are less worthy of it than were those holy men who first earned it by their devotion, and faithfulness and the regularity of their lives. We nevertheless rejoice in the belief that there is among us an awakening to the importance of heart devotion and of method and system in religious service. The very qualities which distinguished Wesley in his religious life are the qualities which command the field in the business world today—concentration, system, actual work for immediate results. The necessity for such living cannot be overstated, and we affectionately urge all our preachers and people to inquire for the old paths in which the mighty men of the early days won such renown, and walk therin.

Sabbath Services.

The Sabbath is God's holy day, and should be faithfully observed as a day of religious worship. We recommend to our pastors in the circuits to arrange for public religious service every Sabbath in all their churches, as far as this may be practicable. The local preachers and exhorters, or some Godly laymen, or some of the excellent women of the Home or Foreign Missionary Societies, could conduct a service with profit to the church and the people. Wesley's lay preachers were an effective force in the early days of Methodism in England. And the same class of men and women were largely instrumental in planting the church in America.

We believe the need is still great for the employment of the same agencies both in our country charges and in our towns and cities. If in a critical hour one of England's naval heroes could stir the souls of his men by the trumpet note—"England expects every man to do his duty today,"—do not the exigencies of these times demand of us to call all our forces into action, and to send ringing down our "far flung battle line" a like insistent call? Surely we cannot think our duty done when we are doing less than our very best.

Prayer and Class Meetings.

We fear that family worship and the meetings for prayer and testimony are not observed as they should be, or as they formerly were. The family altar is essential to family religion. And the church in which the voice of prayer and testimony is not heard during the week can never be a revival church or a center of soul-saving power. If we are to be Methodists indeed, let us rekindle the holy fire and keep it burning on the altars in our homes and our churches.

Reading.

The printed page is one of the mightiest agencies for good, as it is for evil. Wesley in the most methodical way kept his people reading. He said, "It cannot be that the people shall grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading." He accordingly required all his preachers to circulate the books and pamphlets and tracts which he prepared for the instruction of the people. There is the most pressing need that in this respect we follow his example.

Holiness.

Wesley believed that he himself and the Methodists were raised up for the very purpose of spreading Scriptural Holiness wherever they went. This doctrine of the necessity and the possibility of holiness of heart and life Wesley and the early Methodist preachers taught and preached as the privilege and duty of every Christian. God graciously owned and blessed the truth thus taught, and raised up many witnesses whose lives, more eloquently than their words, bore witness to the truth.

Holiness as taught by Wesley is both simple and practical. It consists in loving God with all the heart and soul and mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. It is to be realized by the believer by

simple faith, but not without obedience and self-surrender. This doctrine is among the rich heritages of our church. We cherish it and rejoice in it. We ought to preach it. We need to exemplify it in our lives as ministers, and urge it upon our people. It enthrones purity and love in our hearts. It is the source and secret of spiritual power. It is the baptism with the Holy Ghost, the indwelling of that Spirit in the heart, purifying and sanctifying it and filling it with pure and holy love.

In Wesley's day this blessed doctrine was perverted and abused. Many who professed the blessing of holiness went farther and laid claim to larger and greater gifts. And such excesses are not unknown even to this day. But Wesley was not thereby deterred from preaching the simple truth, nor must we. Following the Scriptures, and especially as expounded by our doctrinal standards, we can ourselves have this rich experience and lead our people into it. And in doing so our light will shine and our ministry will be in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

D. G. PILE, Chairman.

EDWIN B. OLMSTEAD, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Vigorous youth that it is, the Epworth League continues to enjoy a normal and steady growth. The past quadrennium shows a net increase of more than 2,000 Senior Chapters. A large gain in membership has been made. There has been a rapid increase of Junior Chapters. Beyond question, the work of the League has been of great efficiency spiritually, and the contributions of various chapters to the work of the church have been largely increased. The new financial system of self-support, attained voluntarily by the league and established by the legislation of the last General Conference, can hardly be called an experiment, for the leagues have rapidly increased their payments for the maintenance of the general work, and with hearty co-operation of the various chapters the success of the plan is assured. We urge every Epworth League Chapter in the Holston Conference cheerfully and promptly to meet its apportionment.

The success of the Epworth League Institute movement is significant. By this means leaders are being secured and trained; they in turn will win others, recruits for the ministry, mission fields, deaconess work and for the places of local leadership, will be raised up, and no man can estimate the results for good. We trust that our great Southland shall soon receive the direct benefit of these institutes.

The revised plan of work in the Junior League, by which provision is made for boys and girls from 13 to 18 years of age, effectually closing the gap between the Junior and Senior Leagues, has large merit and can profitably be introduced everywhere. Locally our Epworth League work is not uniform. We have our own peculiar difficulties with regard to the League work. These difficulties are especially noticeable in the rural portion of our territory. Good Epworth

Leagues are maintained in many places and the Junior League is doing excellent work wherever established. The annual spring rally held this year in our First Church at Chattanooga, indicated lively interest and substantial progress. We urge all of our pastors to study this organization, and to a thoughtful and prayerful perusal of paragraph 448 of the Methodist Discipline, which says: "It shall be the duty of pastors to organize, if possible, and maintain, if practicable, chapters of the Epworth League."

ERWIN OMOHUNDRO, Chairman.

G. W. PAUL.

L. D. HAMIL.

B. M. MARTIN.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The following was submitted through Chairman T. B. Russell and Secretary C. C. Morris:

Receipts.

From Chartered Fund -----	\$ 22.00
From Book Concern -----	1,280.00
From Book Concern -----	173.00
Return of claim of Mrs. P. H. Scarboro (on account of re- marriage) -----	30.00
Conference collections -----	1,320.00
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Total-----	\$2,825.00

The distribution was made as follows:

No. and Claimant-----	Amount.	To Whom Delivered.
1—Baker, J. A. -----	\$ 50.00	Weidler, R. C.
2—Baker, J. N. -----	20.00	Baker, J. N.
3—Brown, T. W. -----	50.00	Brown, T. W.
4—Cadle, A. G. -----	50.00	Hutchinson, E. G.
5—Cardwell, J. L. -----	95.00	Cardwell, J. L.
6—Cass, T. A. -----	150.00	Martin, B. M.
7—Chase, Mrs. T. G. -----	100.00	Murphy, A. J.
8—Carter, Mrs. D. -----	20.00	Bandy, W. S.
9—Cox, Mrs. G. B. -----	100.00	Bales, G. S.
10—Creswell, Mrs. A. F. -----	95.00	Brown, T. W.
11—Clendennen, Mrs. G. W. -----	120.00	Francisco, G. T.
12—Coleman, G. W. -----	125.00	Murphy, A. J.
13—Crist, Benjamin -----	135.00	Robinette, J. J.
14—Durham, J. M. -----	125.00	Durham, J. M.
15—Forester, Mrs. J. E. -----	5.00	Sanders, John
16—Henry, P. H. -----	75.00	Beaman, A. S.
17—Hodge, T. H. -----	50.00	Hodge, T. H.
18—Hyden, S. W. -----	140.00	Beaman, A. S.
19—Haskail, Mrs. W. M. -----	5.00	Stapleton, R. L.
20—Hodge, Mrs. J. C. -----	60.00	Bales, G. S.
21—Hughes, Mrs. J. R. -----	25.00	Francisco, G. T.
22—Jennings, J. H. -----	75.00	Jennings, J. H.
23—Little, J. B. -----	20.00	Emert, J. M.
24—Lawson, Mrs. J. D. -----	5.00	Andes, R. H.
25—Jones, Mrs. W. T. -----	50.00	Haney, D. R.

No. and Claimant—	Amount.	To Whom Delivered.
26—Julian, Mrs. George -----	95.00	Murphy, A. J.
27—Lawton, Mrs. D. B. -----	70.00	Manker, J. J.
28—Miller, C. W. -----	20.00	Emert, J. M.
29—Morton, Mrs. J. P. -----	40.00	Emert, J. M.
30—Newton, J. N. -----	50.00	Crumley, T. J.
31—Penley, Mrs. J. M. -----	60.00	Hutchinson, E. G.
32—Peters, A. C. -----	65.00	Peters, A. C.
33—Reed, Mrs. P. H. -----	25.00	Baker, J. N.
34—Richardson, Mrs. S. -----	20.00	Ketron, A. C.
35—Rogers, Mrs. W. H. -----	25.00	Grant, W. H.
36—Scott, R. A. -----	80.00	Hutchinson, E. G.
37—Seaton, Mrs. J. B. -----	5.00	Andes, R. H.
38—Seaton, Mrs. Moses -----	25.00	Bales, G. S.
39—Snavely, A. Y. -----	60.00	Emert, J. M.
40—Stout, Mrs. G. M. -----	30.00	Emert, J. M.
41—Turner, Mrs. Mary J. -----	30.00	Sheppard, W. F.
42—Walker, Mrs. Robt. -----	100.00	Emert, J. M.
43—Walker, T. S. -----	120.00	Walker, T. S.
44—West, T. R. -----	160.00	West, T. R.

BLANK FORMS

For Use in Estimating Amount Necessary For Support of Conference
Claimants and For the Approval of the Quarterly Conference.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

Application of Conference Claimant.

Full Name of Claimant -----

Post Office Address -----

Age? -----

Condition of Health? -----

Number of Years in Active Work of the Ministry? -----

If a widow, number of years in Work of the Church as the wife of a
Pastor? -----

Names and ages of those in part dependent on you for support? -----

Names and ages of those in part dependent on you for support? -----

Estimated value of real estate owned by you? -----

Estimated value of personal property owned by you? -----

Are you in debt? ----- If so, How much? -----

Total income last year: ,

(1) From Conference Fund? -----

(2) From services rendered by yourself? -----

(3) From all other sources? -----

Date-----190--

The above answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant.)

Report of Committee.

We, the undersigned committee, estimating for the _____ Charge _____ District, _____ Conference, having investigated the needs of _____, estimate that the amount of \$_____ will be necessary to provide _____ a comfortable support for the ensuing year.

Date _____

Signed _____

Quarterly Conference Approval.

The Quarterly Conference of _____ Charge _____ District _____ Conference, in session at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 190_____ approves the above report and recommends that the amount of \$_____ be appropriated from the Conference funds for the support of the above named claimant.

_____ Presiding Elder.

_____ Pastor.

_____ Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

To the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—At the last session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in Roanoke, Va., March 25-31, 1908, a communication from a committee of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was received by our Conference, stating that said committee had been constituted by their Conference to consider whether such relations might not be established between the two Conferences "as would result in a better adjustment of the forces of each of the said churches within the territory which the said bodies jointly occupy," and asking that a "Committee on Federation, five in number," be appointed from our Conference to constitute together with a like committee from this Conference, a "Joint Committee on Federation," and saying that if this step should be taken, it should be expressly agreed:

"First, That the said Commission shall be empowered to study this whole matter with a view to devising plans to improve existing conditions.

"Second, That each section of the Commission shall report back to the body creating it the conclusions of the Joint Commission, and that no action shall be binding until it shall have received the sanction of both Annual Conferences.

"Third, That the said Joint Commission shall submit any agreement

or plan which it may form to the Joint Commission on Federation of the General Conferences of our two churches for its approval."

This communication was read before our Conference and a committee appointed to consider it and report to the Conference. This committee, after full consideration, reported a series of resolutions back to the Conference, recommending the appointment of a Committee on Federation by our Conference, as requested, for the purposes and under the restrictions and regulations expressed in the communication, as quoted above, with these additional regulations, viz.: That, "after the adoption by each Annual Conference of this Joint Commission, the agreement, plan or suggestion shall be submitted for final action to the Joint Commission on Federation appointed by the General Conferences of the two churches. No action shall be binding until approved by the Joint Commission on Federation"; also,

"Your committee recommend further that the committee to be appointed by our Conference be instructed to communicate with all other Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, contiguous to our territory, and request these Conferences to appoint committees for the same purpose and power."

These resolutions were adopted by the Conference and the committee on the part of our Conference appointed, consisting of the Presiding Elders of the Baltimore, East Baltimore, Washington, Roanoke and Lewisburg Districts.

In accordance with the resolutions, therefore, we beg to present the matter to you as one of "the other Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church contiguous to our territory," with the request that you also appoint a committee of five, who shall, with us, consider the subject as related to our Conferences under the conditions and regulations expressed above.

Very truly yours in the Gospel,

B. W. BOND, P. E. of the Baltimore District.

JOHN A. ANDERSON, P. E. of the East Baltimore District.

E. V. REGESTER, P. E. of the Washington District.

J. R. ANDREW, P. E. of the Roanoke District.

T. J. LAMBERT, P. E. of the Lewisburg District.

P. S.—Kindly advise us of your action, and give us the names of your committee, if appointed, and the address of the Chairman or Secretary.

Address B. W. BOND, Station E, Baltimore, Md.

Report of the Committee on Federation.

Whereas, a communication has been received by this Conference from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, requesting that a Commission on Federation, five in number, be appointed to confer with a like Commission from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it being expressly agreed:

"First, That the said Commission shall be empowered to study this

whole matter with a view to devising plans to improve existing conditions"; and

Second, That each section of the Commission shall report back to the body creating it the conclusions of the Joint Commission, and that no action shall be binding until it shall have received the sanction of both Annual Conferences; and

Third, "That the said Joint Commission shall submit any agreement or plan which it may form to the Joint Commission on Federation of the General Conferences of our two churches for its approval.

And Whereas, This request from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was referred to a special committee, your committee beg leave to report that we rejoice in the growth of fraternity between our two Episcopal Methodisms and in the practical turn which this cordial relation assumes, making for the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

2. That we heartily respond to the invitation sent us and recommend the appointment of a Commission on Federation, five in number, to confer with a like Commission from the Baltimore and other contiguous Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purposes mentioned and under the agreements expressed in the invitation, and this without agreeing to the third item mentioned, on the ground that the Joint Commission is without final authority,

R. J. COOKE, Chairman.

EDWIN B. OLMSTEAD.

J. D. ROBERSON.

B. M. MARTIN.

S. D. TUTTLE.

REV. R. J. COOKE, D. D.

Whereas, When, at the General Conference of 1904 at Los Angeles, the General Book Committee made the book editorship a distinct office in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and when a man of the largest qualification for the position was sought, the choice fell upon the Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D., of our Holston Conference.

We rejoice that this honor has come to our Conference and that Dr. Cooke in his four years service in this new and responsible office did his work so well and with eminent satisfaction to the church that he was re-elected unanimously by the Book Committee at the General Conference of 1908 for another quadrennium.

And we congratulate the whole church on the safety to Methodist doctrines and usages and the teachings of the "Old Book" pledged through his editorship of our publications.

B. M. MARTIN, Secretary of the Conference.

G. T. FRANCISCO,
J. M. EMERT,
G. S. BALES,
ROBT. B. STANSELL,
J. S. BURNETT,
E. GRANT HUTCHINSON,
District Superintendents.

REV. LUTHER FREEMAN, D. D.

In the economy of the church and in the providence of God, the Rev. Luther Freeman, D. D., closes a six years successful pastorate at our strong cosmopolitan First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and ends his relation at the same time with the Holston Conference, he having been transferred to the Independence Avenue Church, Kansas City, St. Louis Conference. He has done a great work for Chattanooga Methodism and many other points outside his parish. He has been an arduous toiler at our annual sessions, doing faithful and efficient work on responsible committees and boards, particularly on the Board of Examiners. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hold him in high esteem and brotherly love, and are appreciative of his stay with us and pray God's richest blessings upon him and wish for him large success at Kansas City, and brotherly recognition in the St. Louis Conference.

B. M. MARTIN.
R. B. STANSELL.
G. S. BALES.
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J. S. BURNETT.

DEFENSE OF ORDERS.

Whereas, The Church of God is of divine origin and purpose, and is composed of a company of believers among whom the pure word of God is preached and the sacraments duly administered in all things which are of necessity requisite to the same; and

Whereas, The church is the depository of the truth and is therefore the source of authority in all matters of doctrine and practice to fallen men. Therefore,

Resolved, 1, That the church is not an institution with which men can play fast and loose at pleasure and treat with lightness, irreverence and contempt.

Resolved, 2, That the church is not at liberty, nor has she the disposition, to recognize every little schism which may be explained by disappointed ambition or some supposed or real injustice whose spirit is evil and whose purpose is opposition if not destruction as an integral part of the church of God, no matter by whom it may be known.

Resolved, 3, That men who have left the church under such conditions as herein described and who desire to return, manifesting a proper Christian spirit, having seen the error of their way and desiring to turn from it, pledging loyalty to our doctrines and Discipline, may be received not as coming from a church, but as those who have seen the folly of their wanderings and wish to come home.

J. J. ROBINETTE.
J. S. BURNETT.
R. J. COOKE.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

Whereas, The association referred to in the case of the Rev. J. P. Shultz has never been and is not now recognized by us, nor to our knowledge by any Christian denomination as entitled to be considered a church. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev. J. P. Shultz is not considered as having wholly placed himself beyond the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he never having surrendered his credentials either to us or to the association referred to, and that therefore in our judgment his ministerial orders need not necessarily be revived.

R. J. COOKE.

BEULAH ORPHANAGE.

Whereas, The Beulah Orphans' Home has come to us with all its beautiful grounds and buildings, and being as it is located in Newbern, the former county site of Pulaski County, Virginia, which orphans' home is worth about \$3,500, all of which comes to us as a donation from the trustees and Rev. J. L. Early, the founder of this institution, free from the claim or claims of any and all persons except the small amount of \$275; and

Whereas, we have accepted this institution as the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Therefore

Resolved, That we extend to these brethren our profound gratitude for their generous gift and respectfully ask that a collection be taken once a year in all our churches for the support of the Beulah Orphans' Home of this Conference. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. KETRON.
T. J. CRUMLEY.
G. R. ROWAN.

MINUTE FUND.

Resolved, That the Conference needs annually \$300 for the publication of Minutes, and the District Superintendents be requested to apportion this amount to their several districts and that the pastors be asked to strictly provide for the raising of the same and report under the head of other Benevolences.

B. M. MARTIN.
J. J. MANKER.
E. B. OLMLSTEAD.
WM. F. PITTS.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST.

Resolved, That the District Superintendents be requested to estimate a salary for the Conference Evangelist, and that he be permitted to raise his own salary, provided that if he receive more than his allowance the amount be applied for the benefit of the superannuates of the Conference.

J. J. ROBINETTE.
A. J. MURPHY.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved (1), That we express our gratitude to Bishop Goodsell for the very gracious manner in which he has presided over this Conference.

(2) That we extend our hearty thanks to the pastor of this church, the Committee on Entertainment and the good people of Johnson City, whose guests we have been, for the splendid entertainment which we have received.

(3) That we recognize the arduous labors of the Secretary, Rev. B. M. Martin; the Statistical Secretary, Rev. R. L. Stapleton; and the Treasurer, Rev. W. F. Pitts, with their several assistants, and heartily thank them for the work done.

(4) That we tender our thanks to the various railroads which have granted special rates to those attending this Conference.

(5) That we are delighted with the work of the splendid laymen who have met with us, and cordially invite them to meet with us again.

W. K. HARRIS.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to Certify, That this volume is a complete and correct record of the proceedings of the sixty-fourth session of the Holston Annual Conference, and adopted by the Conference as its official record.

B. M. MARTIN, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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Find on page 78 a statement concerning our church paper, the Methodist Advocate Journal. How we believe in that paper!

We have been diligent in our work. The Minutes could have been in your hands before the writing of this statement had not the secretaryship been new to us. But as this note goes to press the assurances are that the Minutes will be out in fairly good time. At the cost of labor we have tried to give you a correct journal. Our only fears are discrepancies in the tabulated matter. The reconciling of these belong not to us, but to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer. And sometimes this is impossible unless the pastors would present, correctly, their reports.

B. M. MARTIN, Secretary.

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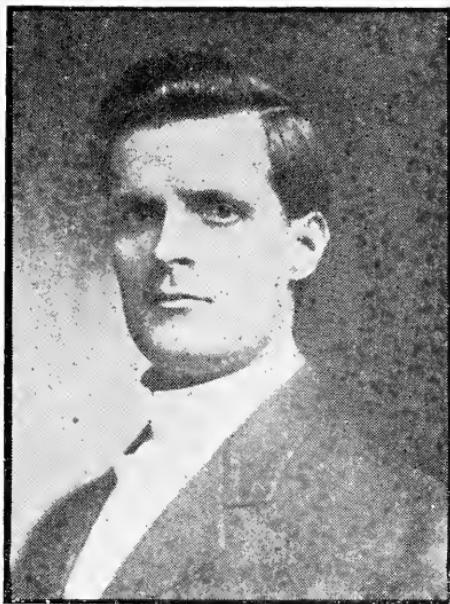


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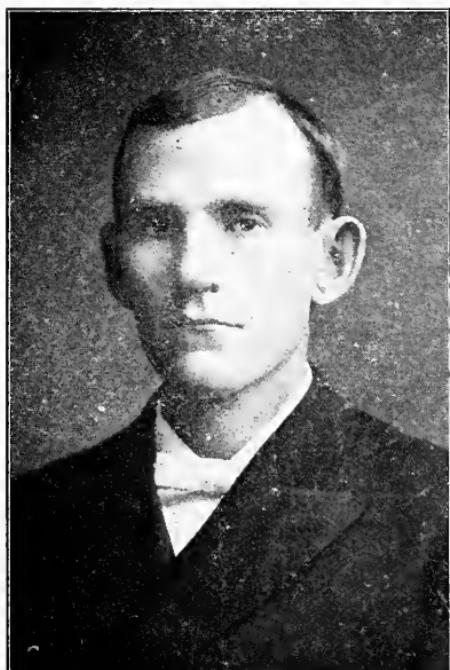
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STATISTICS NO. 1—ATHENS DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.



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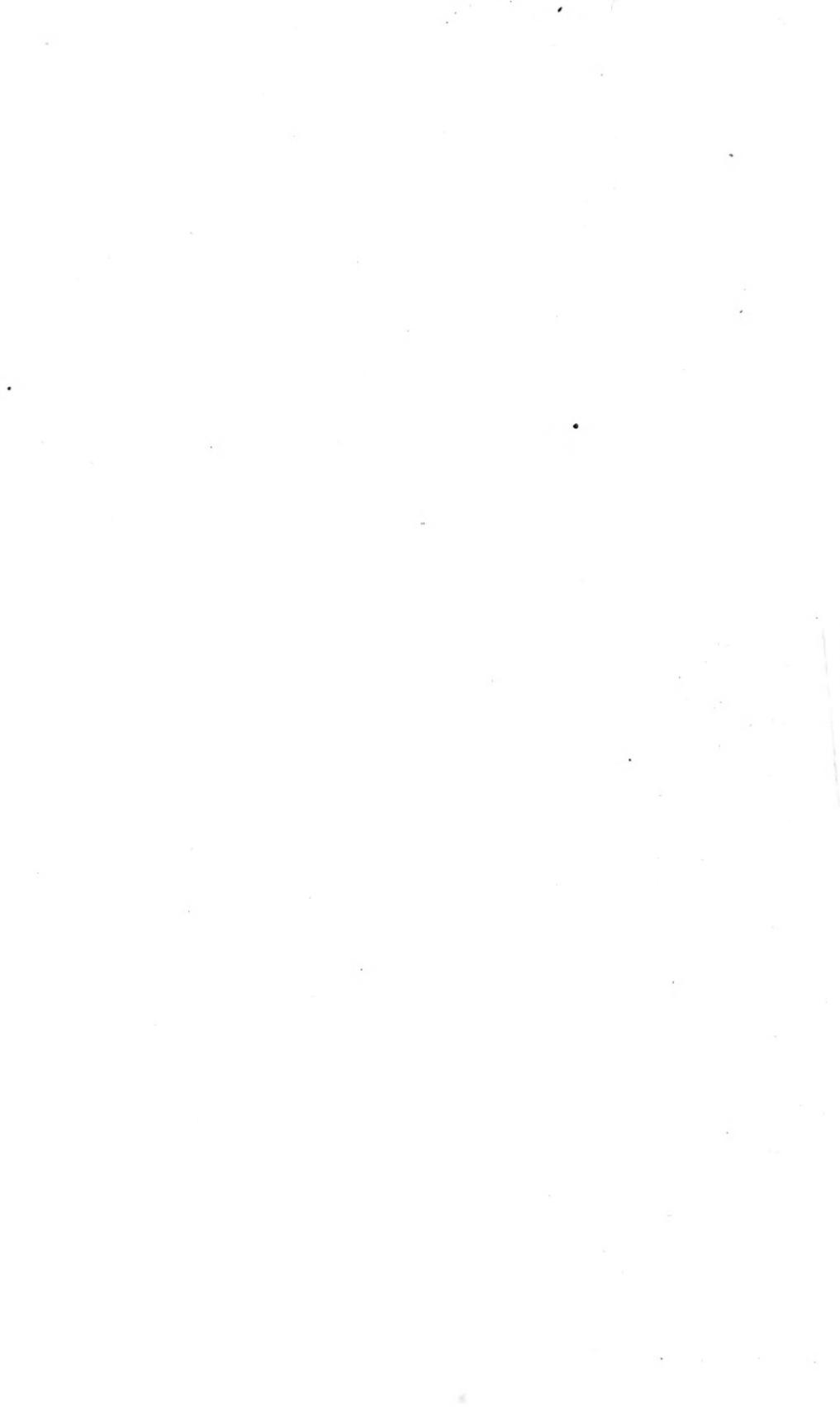


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STATISTICS NO. 1—BRISTOL DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership	Baptisms		Sunday Schools		CHURCH PROPERTY			
		No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deacons	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Parsonages	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages
Auburn	3	176	2	1	21	1	45	\$ 1,800	\$ 800
Benham	20	150	1	1	9	20	50	\$ 3,500	
Big Stone Gap	2	63					30	\$ 3,000	
Bristol			40						
Dungannon	20	170	5	1	3	6	36	1	2,000
Floyd		467	1	2	18	3	25	6	7,300
Gate City	10	145	6	3	1	3	12	1	1,000
Glenford	43	389	7	7	67	7	42	5	6,000
Grayson	15	335	1	3	39	6	37	391	6,000
Greendale	32	288		2	17	5	38	427	5,000
Hilton	11	179	2	8	1	12	3	15	85
Honaker	24	175	1	2	17	2	16	165	3
Jonesville		218	3	2	10	20	5	30	150
Lafayette		258	7	2	2	8	58	4	3,500
Lotus and Crane's Nest	14	255	6	18	25	2	12	75	1,500
Marion	11	185	1	4	4	5	36	363	5,800
New River	7	125	1	3	1	6	4	24	175
Nickelsville	12	195	2	3	2	7	4	200	3
Pattonsburg	15	273	2	3	2	9	4	32	335
Pennington Gap		164	3	1	8	3	18	120	3
Roanoke		100	2	2	1	1	10	75	1
Rose Hill		160	3	1	1	2	10	144	4
Russell	15	193		1	1	1	3	20	160
Salem	5	35	2		1	1	10	93	1
Swords Creek	16	258	1	6	11	5	14	250	2
Tazewell	2	141		2	22	3	15	182	1
Wise and Coeburn	1	46	1	3	4	5	1	56	1
Wytheville		150	2	3	60	2	80	401	4
Pulaski		180	1					3,900	1
Franklin		125						150	1
Total	278	5,538	57	56	57	18	150	1	2,000
						3	18	150	80
						3	644	5,455	\$104,700
						3	644	5,455	12
						3	644	5,455	\$7,525
						3	644	5,455	\$191
						3	644	5,455	\$701

STATISTICS NO. 1—CHATTANOOGA & DIST., HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 1—CLINTON DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH PROPERTY										Present Indebtedness on Church Property	
	Church Membership	Baptisms	Sunday Schools	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Teachers and Officers	No. of Preachers	No. of Parsonages	Paid for Building and Personal Property	Paid on Old Church Debts		
Andersonville -----	4	196	2	3	2	14	5	30	240	5	\$ 5,000	
Big Valley -----	1	315	5	2	17	4	25	300	10	10,000	\$ 500	
Burrville and Sunbright -----	6	206	1	4	1	4	26	243	3	2,300	100	
Clinton -----	1	162	1	2	1	15	15	150	2	4,500	1,500	
Clark Range -----	20	146	3	3	45	3	16	250	6	6,000	-----	
Clearfield -----	3	120	2	1	10	1	14	125	1	4,000	1	
Harriman -----	2	277	1	1	1	10	5	32	200	6	6,400	
Jacksonboro -----	6	122	1	1	6	1	12	125	1	5,000	1	
Jellico -----	5	84	-----	-----	1	1	8	75	1	2,000	1	
Knoxville Circuit -----	300	1	1	1	64	4	24	140	4	6,000	-----	
LaFollette -----	130	1	-----	1	1	5	83	1	15,000	-----	18	
Maynardville -----	40	355	3	7	3	1	4	21	160	6	6,000	
Mingo -----	6	300	1	1	3	1	6	100	100	-----	400	
New Tazewell -----	2	268	2	2	-----	34	2	24	250	2	6,000	
Newcomb -----	2	161	3	-----	11	3	15	150	3	5,300	-----	
Oliver Springs -----	2	145	1	4	8	2	8	150	2	1,500	-----	
Oneida -----	18	365	3	3	4	4	20	240	5	8,500	1	
Rutledge -----	6	241	1	2	2	6	40	250	7	4,200	1	
Scarboro -----	3	503	1	6	2	8	6	35	482	6	4,600	
Well Spring -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	325	
Totals-----	124	4,402	27	45	15	245	65	436	4,013	77	\$104,900	11
									\$8,300	\$3,007	\$225	\$1,745

STATISTICS NO. 1—GREENEVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership		Baptisms		Sunday Schools		CHURCH PROPERTY		Paid on Old Indebtedness and Parsonages	Improving Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
	No. of Probationers	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deacons	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value			
Baileyton -----	18	457	2	4	1	16	9	\$10,750	1	\$600	\$270
Bloomingdale -----	25	434	1	6	4	14	7	5,000	1	600	-----
Chuckey -----	10	560	2	5	10	8	3	14,000	1	600	300
Elizabethton -----	3	300	2	4	3	20	3	7,500	1	-----	75
Fall Branch -----	673	2	4	3	20	7	30	13,000	1	700	300
Greeneville -----	10	190	1	4	1	1	20	150	1	3,000	147
Greeneville Circuit -----	16	617	1	10	15	30	7	500	7	6,500	-----
Jonesboro -----	545	1	4	4	7	55	7	525	6	6,200	1
Johnson City -----	14	326	3	—	1	8	1	18	200	1	35,000
Johnson City Circuit -----	5	250	2	4	—	18	4	20	250	4	4,000
Mountain City Circuit -----	5	359	1	5	2	17	5	30	350	4	10,200
Parrottsville Circuit -----	12	500	2	6	25	88	5	30	350	7	9,000
Rogersville Circuit -----	6	153	—	3	—	3	17	120	3	2,000	1
Sneedville Circuit -----	10	275	1	4	1	4	4	20	80	4	2,000
Surgoinsville Circuit -----	10	220	1	2	—	2	2	12	75	7	6,000
Watauga Circuit -----	10	202	1	1	—	11	5	30	124	5	4,500
Totals -----	139	6,061	21	68	62	292	79	469	4,973	84	\$139,650
									13	\$21,600	\$21,717
										\$75	\$600

STATISTICS NO. 1—KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH PROPERTY			CHURCH PROPERTY		
	Church Membership	Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Probable Value of Parsonages	Probable Value of Buildings and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property
Chestnut Hill -----	149	700	4	8	\$9,000	\$40
Dandridge -----	490	4	39	6	6,800	100
Elm Grove and Asbury -----	102	-----	2	50	5,000	25
Fair Garden -----	156	480	4	7	6,500	-----
Jefferson City -----	4	184	2	40	4,000	-----
Knoxville—Second -----	350	2	25	3	20,000	4,000
First -----	20	750	5	270	1	45,000
Trinity -----	30	381	3	351	1	13,000
East Main -----	50	176	3	150	1	5,000
Oakwood -----	108	1	19	133	1	15,000
South Knoxville -----	20	104	1	124	1	2,500
Lonsdale -----	21	120	1	200	1	2,000
Little River -----	19	403	1	14	8,200	75
Morristown -----	17	202	4	300	1	1,000
Morristown Circuit -----	16	275	4	4	4,200	20
Newport -----	15	200	1	150	5,000	1,000
Newport Circuit -----	11	310	4	15	3,000	500
New Salem -----	235	1	10	174	4	580
Pigeon Forge -----	15	350	2	21	4,500	222
Thorn Grove -----	400	6	12	72	6,700	125
Townsend and Walland -----	7	157	1	35	6,500	20
Sevierville -----	40	336	2	11	2,000	1,000
				41	10,600	500
Totals -----	590	6,813	31	49	90	\$24,420
				294	69	\$34,580
				635	\$5,582	\$15,563

STATISTICS NO. 1—RECAPITULATION.

STATISTICS NO. 3—ATHENS DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 3—BRISTOL DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT				CURRENT EXPENSES			
		Claims		Receipts		Support of P. Elders		Conference Claimsants	
		House Rent	Salary	House Rent	Debtientes	Total	Amount Paid	Total	Amount Paid
Auburn -----	J. B. Keister -----	\$200 25	225	136	25	161	64	30	21
Benham -----	E. G. Gillespie -----	176 -----	176	148	-----	28	30	3	1
Big Stone Gap -----	N. C. Burkhardt -----	200 -----	200	72	72	128	30	2	1
Bristol -----	H. H. Hackler -----	300 -----	300	30	30	270	36	32	179
Dungannon -----	J. K. Rumberg -----	305 35	340	275	35	310	30	3	2
Floyd -----	D. B. S. Stone -----	225 36	261	189	9	198	63	30	1
Gate City -----	J. N. Graham -----	300 50	350	225	50	337	13	40	4
Grayson -----	Jasper Sage -----	225 -----	225	155	-----	155	70	34	4
Grendale -----	R. L. Leslie -----	350 50	400	286	50	336	64	35	2
Hilton -----	A. C. Kettner -----	210 24	204	210	24	204	-----	30	3
Honaker -----	J. R. Hubbard -----	150 -----	150	110	-----	110	40	30	30
Jonesville -----	J. J. Manes -----	250 -----	250	250	-----	250	-----	32	2
Lafayette -----	D. C. Johnson -----	200 25	225	175	25	200	25	25	25
Louis & Crane's Nest -----	A. A. King -----	200 -----	200	110	-----	110	90	30	20
Marion -----	J. F. Giles -----	250 -----	250	190	-----	190	60	32	34
New River -----	J. M. Sutton -----	240 60	300	165	60	225	75	40	40
Nicklesville -----	Geo. A. Hutchinson -----	225 25	250	105	25	130	120	36	36
Pattonsville -----	I. B. Leonard -----	280 -----	280	257	-----	257	23	32	32
Pennington Gap -----	W. D. Forner -----	400 100	500	425	100	525	-----	36	36
Roanoke -----	W. F. Sheppard -----	425 96	521	425	96	521	-----	40	40
Rose Hill -----	A. G. Cadle -----	300 -----	300	160	-----	160	140	32	32
Russell -----	A. H. Ingle -----	200 -----	200	164	-----	164	36	30	30
Salem -----	A. V. Dye -----	300 -----	300	220	-----	220	80	30	2
Sword's Creek -----	J. W. Hubbard -----	250 -----	250	150	-----	150	100	35	30
Tazewell -----	Jas. F. Hutchinson -----	200 24	224	80	24	104	120	32	32
Wise and Coeburn -----	J. W. Ellison -----	230 -----	230	170	-----	170	60	34	2
Wytheville -----	M. H. Cunnys -----	150 -----	150	150	-----	150	-----	20	20
Pulaski -----	H. T. Weaver -----	100 -----	100	100	-----	100	-----	30	30
Franklin -----	Totals -----	\$6,841 -----	\$550 -----	\$7,391	5,194	523	5,717,169	907	889
								58 43	56,649 74
								74	73 354

STATISTICS NO. 3—CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT				Support of P. Elders	Sup't of Bishops	Conferees Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES	
		Claims		Receipts					Rec'd. from	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Other Sources	Books, Etc.	
Chatta—Alton Park	Erwin Omohundro	\$770	120	890	770	120	890	—	30	925
E. Chattanooga	W. C. Miller	600	100	700	600	100	700	—	50	757
Epworth	A. C. Goddard	400	—	400	400	—	400	—	30	432
First Church	Luther Freeman	3,500	800	4,300	3,500	800	4,300	—	450	450
Highland Park	S. D. Tuttle	800	200	1,000	840	200	1,040	—	80	80
Hill City	C. K. Mahoney	400	150	550	400	150	550	—	50	50
Mankler Memorial	O. R. Tarwater	500	—	500	500	—	500	—	60	565
Ridgedale	W. C. Wright	700	—	700	700	—	700	—	50	44
St. James	C. C. Morris	1,200	—	1,200	1,200	—	1,200	—	75	75
Crossville	R. P. Broyles	300	—	300	330	—	330	—	50	50
Daisy	John Sanders	490	60	550	490	60	550	—	65	65
Dayton & Vine Grove	W. C. Halton	800	150	950	980	150	1,130	—	80	42
Fairmount	J. E. Porter	210	30	240	210	30	240	—	30	39
Graysville	O. T. Usleman	385	65	450	385	65	450	—	55	55
Jasper	J. T. Bird	385	60	445	385	60	445	—	50	50
Litton	G. F. Swofford	225	—	225	225	—	225	—	40	40
Morgan Springs	P. L. Clonce	235	—	235	250	—	250	—	40	40
Pikeville	W. F. Ledford	300	—	300	300	—	300	—	50	50
Rockwood	J. A. Mitchell	720	—	720	720	—	720	—	70	70
South Pittsburg	M. P. Murphy	600	—	600	600	—	600	—	60	60
Spring City	J. L. Scott	400	50	450	400	50	450	—	60	515
Tracy City	John M. Gerren	250	—	250	250	—	250	—	40	40
Whitwell	J. T. Hopper	421	84	505	421	84	505	—	65	513
Rockwood Circuit	P. C. York	200	—	200	200	—	200	—	30	30
Totals—		\$14,791	\$1,869	\$17,070	15,056	\$1,869	16,925	—	1,660	1,660
								1,300	1,406	2,513,2480
								200	200	304

STATISTICS NO. 3—CLINTON DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT				Debts	Amount Paid	Amount Appportioned	Support of P. Elders	Sup't of Bishops	Total	Other Sources	Total	Conference Claims	S. L. Etc.	Leaves, Etc.	Books, Lesson, Etc.	CURRENT EXPENSES														
		Claims		Receipts																												
		Salary	House Rent	Salary	House Rent																											
Andersonville -----	F. H. Carey -----	\$355	60	415	355	60	415	3	42	42	3	460	6	6	52	33	40	20	33													
Big Valley -----	Oney Dykes -----	350	26	376	350	26	376	—	68	68	4	448	3	3	40	20	25	25	40													
Burrville & Sunbright -----	M. H. Monroe -----	370	25	395	370	25	395	—	50	50	4	449	10	10	15	15	200	100	100													
Clinton -----	T. D. Rowe -----	750	100	830	750	100	850	—	60	60	—	910	15	15	200	100	15	15	15													
Clark Range -----	James Hart -----	341	—	341	341	—	341	—	45	45	2	388	7	7	20	—	20	130	100													
Harriman -----	J. D. Roberson -----	760	—	240	1,000	—	240	1,000	—	80	80	4	1,084	20	—	4	12	12	25													
Jacksonboro -----	Luther Clear -----	200	50	250	200	50	250	—	40	40	—	290	4	4	—	—	—	—	—													
Jellico -----	Robert L. Stapleton -----	1,300	—	1,300	1,300	—	1,300	—	130	130	10	1,440	30	30	200	130	130	130	130													
Kingston -----	Henry M. Hawk -----	625	75	625	75	700	—	50	50	4	4	754	10	10	75	75	75	75	75													
Knoxville Circuit -----	W. R. Byerly -----	400	—	400	400	—	423	—	50	50	3	476	10	10	50	50	50	50	50													
LaFollette -----	Christian Menzler -----	600	—	600	600	—	600	—	60	60	2	662	6	6	50	28	50	50	28													
Maynardsville -----	W. J. Letsinger -----	272	50	322	272	50	322	—	50	50	2	374	6	6	50	50	50	50	50													
Mingo -----	I. N. Dyke -----	800	—	800	800	—	800	—	50	50	2	852	—	—	50	29	50	50	29													
New Tazewell -----	R. A. Scott -----	200	—	200	200	—	200	—	50	50	2	252	6	6	41	47	41	47	47													
Newcomb -----	L. D. Hamill -----	400	—	400	616	—	616	—	50	50	1	667	1	1	41	47	41	47	47													
Oliver Springs -----	L. B. Clark -----	280	—	280	280	—	280	—	44	44	2	326	5	2	44	50	44	50	50													
Oneida -----	C. L. Poulson -----	235	—	235	235	—	235	—	50	50	2	287	4	4	25	25	25	25	25													
Rutledge -----	C. L. Kirby -----	325	50	375	356	50	406	—	50	50	2	458	6	6	19	23	19	23	23													
Scarboro -----	J. T. Ware -----	271	20	291	271	20	291	—	45	45	2	338	6	6	5	14	5	14	14													
Well Spring -----	C. D. Houchins -----	400	50	450	400	50	450	—	50	50	2	502	10	10	12	11	12	11	11													
Totals -----		\$9,234	\$746	\$9,980	9,504	—	746	10,250	—	1,114	1,114	53	53	11,417	165	2,167	1,100	915	915													

STATISTICS NO. 3—GREENEVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 3—KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT			Debts incurred	Total	House Rent	Salary	Receipts		Support of P. Elders	Sup't of Bishops P's	Total Support: P's and Bishops' Estates	Other Sources from	Total Rec'd.	Conference Claimants	S. S.: Lesson, Etc.	Leaves, Books, Etc.	CURRENT EXPENSES									
		Claims		Total					Receipts																			
		House Rent	Total							Total																		
Chestnut Hill	O. L. Underwood	\$500	100	600	500	100	600				60	66	666															
Dandridge	W. S. Bandy	465	—	465	465	—	465				52	52	523							40	65							
Elm Grove & Asbury	R. E. Ayres	380	—	380	380	—	280				32	32	415							20	12							
Fair Garden	J. O. Cox	400	—	400	400	—	400				60	63	466	12	12					50	50							
Knoxville—Second	T. S. Walker	154	—	154	154	—	154				40	40	195	2	2					25	20							
Jefferson City	W. S. Grant	1,000	200	1,200	1,000	200	1,200				75	75	6	281	20	20				233	176							
First	E. B. Olmstead	2,700	1,000	3,700	2,700	1,000	3,700				300	300	4,030	100	2	102	20	20		2,550	360							
Trinity	F. E. Ross	1,500	400	1,900	1,570	400	1,970				120	120	13	13	2,103	55	55			438	125							
East Main	W. F. Pitts	700	200	900	700	200	900				50	50	4	4	954	10	10			100	100							
Oakwood	S. V. Lowe	300	—	300	300	—	390				12	12	1	1	403	3	3			21	64							
South Knoxville	W. L. Oliver	500	120	620	500	120	620				30	30	4	4	654	8	8			8	8							
Lonsdale	R. C. Weidler	500	150	650	500	150	650				32	32	3	3	685	7	7			60	85							
Little River	E. R. Branam	600	100	700	600	100	700				60	60	4	4	764	15	15			55	30							
Morristown	W. K. Harris	700	150	850	715	150	865				50	50	8	8	923	30	30			181	49							
Morristown Circuit	D. T. Lawson	320	60	380	320	60	380				32	32	3	3	415	5	5			5	60							
Newport	G. T. Byrd	650	100	750	650	100	750				50	50	3	3	803	15	15			102	48							
Newport Circuit	W. N. Lindsay	177	25	202	177	25	202				32	32	1	1	235	—	4			4	4							
New Salem	J. P. Little	500	24	524	500	24	524				52	52	5	5	581	20	20			38	51							
Pigeon Forge	W. M. Bull	430	—	430	550	—	550				50	50	4	4	604	20	20			80	100							
Thorn Grove	W. G. Sliger	375	50	425	375	50	425				52	52	5	5	482	11	11			20	20							
Townsend & Walland	A. A. Newman	550	100	650	582	100	682				50	50	4	4	736	10	10			60	40							
Sevierville	M. C. Bruner	754	—	754	754	—	754				60	60	5	5	819	20	20			60	110							
Totals		\$14,155	\$2,779	\$16,934	14,482	2,779	17,261				1,351	1,360	116	116	18,737	363	363			2,365	4,237 1,465							

STATISTICS NO. 3—RECAPITULATION.

STATISTICS NO. 4—ATHENS DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 4—BRISTOL DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF CHARGES	MISSIONS		BOARD OF EDUCATION FREEDMEN'S AID & S.S.				Womans Foreign Missionary Society				CONFERENCE GENERAL EXPENSES		CONFERENCE GENERAL EXPENSES		CONFERENCE MINUTE FUND	
	Board of For. Miss.	Bd. of Home Miss. and Church Ext.	Sunday School SpeciaL Gifts		Collection for Freedmen's Aid and S.S.		American Bible So.		Woman's Home Missionary Society		Total Other Benefi- cials	Supplies (b)	Cash (a)	\$1	\$1	\$1
			Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund	Chil- dren's Fund						
Auburn	\$5	\$8	\$4	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$11	\$13
Benham															50	50
Big Stone Gap															14	14
Bristol															25	25
Dungannon	7	2	14	17	5	5	1	2	2	1	6	3			52	52
Floyd	17	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3			8	8
Gate City	2	25	19	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3			119	119
Glenford	8	38	7	7	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	2			18	18
Grayson	7	16	16	18	2	2	5	1	1	1	10	4			52	52
Greendale	15	18	18	18	2	2	5	1	1	1	5	2			53	53
Hilton															6	6
Honaker															10	10
Jonesville																
Lafayette																
Lots & Cranes Nst	22	22	5	2	2	2	1									
Marion																
New River	6	6														
Nickleville																
Pattonsville	5	8	1	1	1	1										
Pennington Gap	12	15	3	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	100	3			18	18
Roanoke	5	4	3	3							30	3			143	143
Rose Hill															45	45
Russell	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2			20	20
Salem																
Sword's Creek	6	5	1												16	16
Tazewell															14	14
Wise and Coeburn	5	15	6	6											23	23
Wytheville	10	15	8	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	3			39	39
Franklin																
Totals	\$179	\$58	\$2	\$235	\$25	\$26	\$15	\$2	\$17	\$15	\$11	\$13	\$13	\$26	\$26	\$1,031

STATISTICS NO. 4—CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 4—CLINTON DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 4—GREENEVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

STATISTICS NO. 4—KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1908.

Names of Charges	Benevolent Collections										Grand Total
	Board of For. Miss.	Board of Home Miss. and Church Ext.	Board of Freedmen's Fund	Board of Education & S. S.	Local Education Interests	American Bible Socy.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Supplies (c)	Total Other Benev. Collett. & Collections	General Conference Expenses	
Chestnut Hill -----	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$5	\$5	1	21	10	\$5	\$60
Dandridge -----	25	25	25	2	2	1				6	93
Elm Gr. & Asbury -----	12	12	3	3	3						30
Fair Garden -----	20	20	5								92
Jefferson City -----	4		1								34
Knoxv'l'e—Second -----	86	12	8	8	8	3					119
First -----	304	100	60	50	10	10					2,867
Trinity -----	88	77	33	33	5	5					947
East Main -----	20	20	3								59
Oakwood -----	4	6	6								1
South Knoxville -----	15	15	10	3	3						21
Lonsdale -----	15	10									53
Little River -----	25	20	15	25	25						30
Morristown Ct. -----	45	28	36	10	25						65
Newport Circuit -----	20	15	10								337
New Salem -----	27	6	2	10							55
Pigeon Forge -----	25	20	9	10	10						201
Thorn Grove -----	20	20	5								7
Towns'd & Wal'nd -----	10	10	5								83
Sevierville -----	40	50	30								69
											51
											29
											145
Totals -----	\$849	\$30	\$231	\$541	\$197	\$139	\$10	\$149	\$20	\$9	\$5,447

RECAPITULATION—TREASURER'S REPORT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, ALL DISTRICTS, 1908.

NAME OF CHARGE	MISSIONS	American Bible Society											
		Local Educational In-				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools				Freedmen's Fund for Collected Schools, and Sunday Schools.			
Sunday School Not Divided		Board of Home and Mistrions Extent.		Children's Fund Aid		Freedmen's Fund for Collected Schools, and Sunday Schools.		Local Educational In-		Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools		Freedmen's Fund for Collected Schools, and Sunday Schools.	
Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.
\$95	\$19	\$395	\$40	\$58		\$70		\$3	\$10	\$15		\$36	\$29
215	7	270	22	18		11	5	10	2	12	2	10	\$155
752	112	774	95	302	3	2	2,411		1	404	1		3
397	19	357	9	77	7	7	56	21		6	11	9	6
612	60	501	71	252	40	6	10	10		18	11	23	2
789	80	516	25	157	9	10				6		488	1
													320
\$3,060	\$249	\$203	\$2,813	\$74	\$52	\$876		\$39	\$2,492	\$101		\$79	\$934
2,954	589	556	2,559	246	524	181		54	454	90		34	1,087
\$106	\$340	\$53	\$28	\$224	\$72	\$31		\$15	\$2,038	\$111		\$45	\$153
													\$468

RECAPITULATION—TREASURER'S REPORT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, ALL DISTRICTS, 1908.—(Continued.)

NAME OF CHARGE	Methodist Journal Fund	Episcopal Fund											
		General Conference Expenses				General Conference Minutes				General Conference Expenditure			
Total Other Collections		General Conference Expenses		General Conference Minutes		General Conference Expenditure		General Conference Minutes		General Conference Expenditure		General Conference Minutes	
Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.	Cash	Vou.
Athens District		\$21		\$483	\$7	\$25		\$7	\$26		\$230		
Bristol District	6	107	383	12	23	2		61		41		\$1,233	\$864
Chattanooga District		70	3	20,008	53	63			1	304		693	530
Clinton District				354	15							2,645	1,223
Greeneville District	10	320		10	44	33	2	1		166		1,205	25,713
Knoxville District		10		2,461	28	91	3			195		94	1,637
										370		115	2,401
Grand Total, 1908	\$16	\$528	\$36	\$24,067	\$72	\$445	\$116	\$2	\$27	\$1,288	\$15	\$72	\$39,413
Grand Total, 1907				44,161	273	40	111			493	21	10,039	52,834
Increase		\$16	\$528	\$33	20,094	201	\$205	\$5		\$38	\$27	\$41	\$23,491
Decrease										\$15	\$21		\$23,450

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